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ABSTRACT

This Kids Count report examines statewide and county trends in the well-being of Colorado's children. The statistical portrait is based on 12 indicators of well-being: (1) infant mortality; (2) low birth weight births; (3) immunizations; (4) child poverty; (5) early prenatal care; (6) child abuse deaths; (7) health insurance; (8) paternity establishment; (9) teen births; (10) teen suicide rate; (11) youth unemployment; and (12) high school graduations. The report begins with a discussion of the major results. The bulk of the report details county- and state-level demographic, economic, health, education, and safety data. County-level trends for data are indicated where appropriate, based on 1991, 1994, and 1996 data. Additional information on school enrollment, child abuse and neglect, and teen suicide is also included. Findings indicate that since 1990, only 1 of the 12 indicators (infant mortality) has met the decade goal, but that progress has been made toward meeting seven goals. Fifteen percent of Colorado's children live in poverty. About 25 percent of infants are born to unwed mothers and 10 percent to teen mothers. Over 80 percent of women who gave birth in 1996 received early prenatal care. The low birth weight rate continues to rise and is one of the worst in the nation. However, the infant mortality rate is on the decline. Over 90 percent of Colorado's licensed child care facilities were ranked poor or mediocre. The high school graduation rate is still well below the state's goal. (KB)

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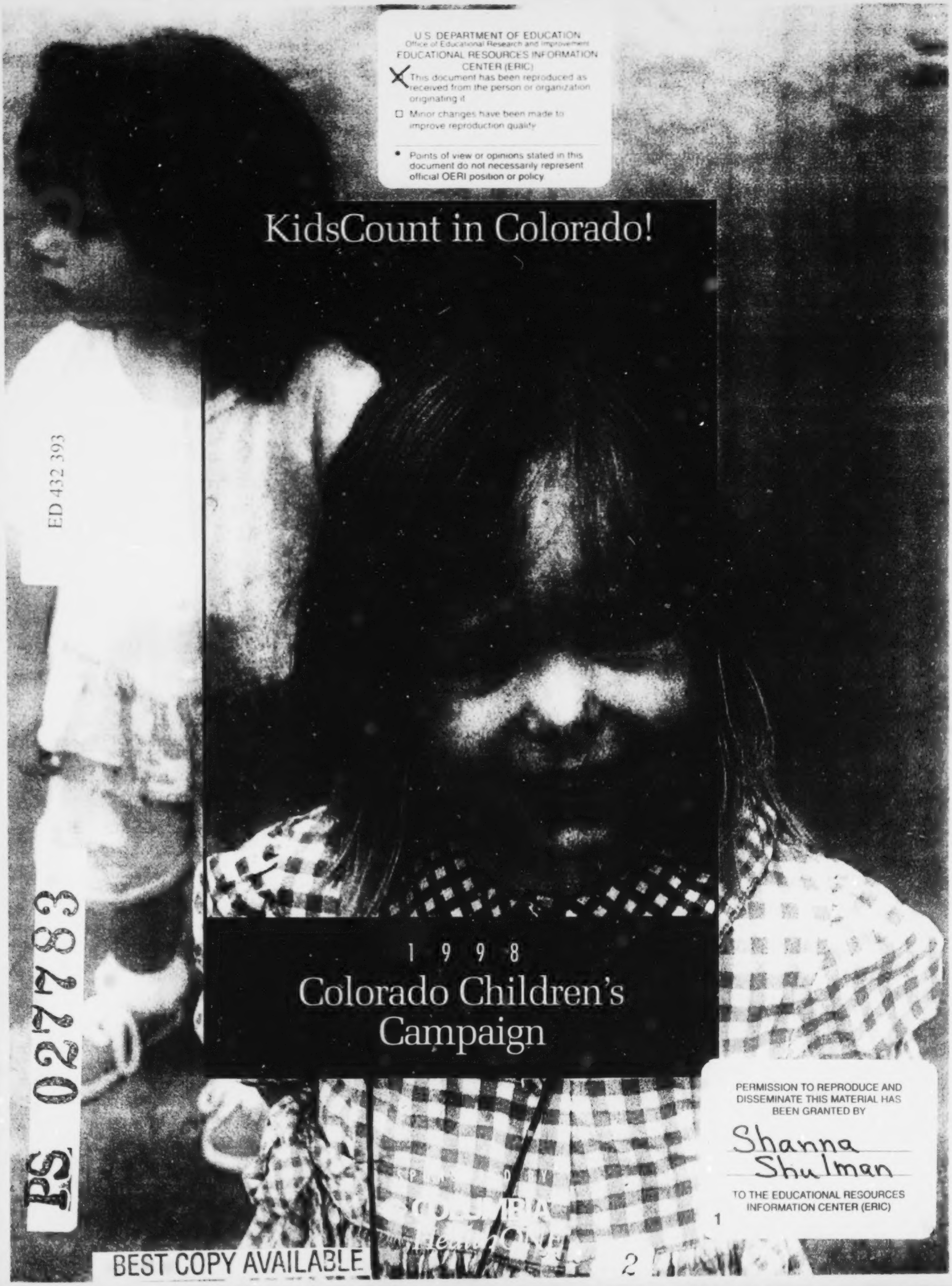

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Foreword:

The Colorado Children's Campaign aims to help children live better lives. Our dream is that all Colorado children will have everything they need to grow up safe, healthy, well-educated, cherished, and with hope for the future. Since 1985, the Colorado Children's Campaign has worked to mobilize individuals and organizations to think and act on behalf of children. The *KidsCount in Colorado!* report is an important part of what we do because it allows us to track key indicators of child health, education and safety and spread the news to all of our state's communities.

The 1998 *KidsCount in Colorado!* report features county-level data in a new format. For the first time, the report includes 63 individual county report cards with county-level demographic, economic, health, education and safety data that lets us know how children in each county are doing. Statewide data is reported in the same way so that comparisons may be made easily. County-level trends for data in the report cards are indicated where appropriate, based on 1991, 1994, and 1996 data. Additional information on school enrollment, child abuse and neglect, and teen suicide is also included in this year's report.

> *A child is a person who is going to carry on what you have started. He is going to sit where you are sitting, and when you are gone, attend to those things which you think are important. You may adopt all the policies you please, but how they are carried out depends on him. He will assume control of your cities, states and nations. He is going to move in and take over your churches, schools, universities, and corporations. All your books are going to be judged, praised or condemned by him. The fate of humanity is in his hands.*
>
> ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Decade of the Child

In 1990, concerned about the effect of emerging economic and social trends on the state's children, the Colorado Children's Campaign established specific "Decade of the Child" goals in critical areas of child health, education and safety. A coalition of 1,200 organizations and community leaders endorsed the stated goals. Since that time, only 1 of the 12 indicators (infant mortality) has met the decade goal, but progress has been made toward meeting 7 of the 12 goals.

	Where we were (1990)	Where we are (1996)	Our goal (2000)
[illegible] Mortality Rate	**8.8 per 1,000**	**6.6 per 1,000**	**7 per 1,000**
Low Birth Weight Births	8.0%	8.9%	5%
Children Fully Immunized	58% (1991)	79%	90%
Children Living in Poverty	15%	available after 2000 census	8%
Moms Receiving Early Prenatal Care	77.8%	81.4%	90%
Number of Children Dying From Child Abuse	31	20 (1995)	12
Children with Health Insurance	85%	85%	100%
Cases in Which Paternity Established for Births to Unmarried Women	37%	58% (1995)	70%
Teen Birth Rate	54.3 per 1,000	50.7 per 1,000	25 per 1,000
Teen Suicide Rate	9.7 per 100,000	7.9 per 100,000	3.5 per 100,000
Youth Unemployment	13%	available after 2000 census	7%
High School Graduation Rate	78.9% (1991)	77.7%	90%

> *"The solutions for adult problems tomorrow depends in large measure upon the way our children grow up today. There is no greater insight into the future than recognizing when we save our children, we save ourselves."*
>
> MARGARET MEAD

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Families in Need

For some Colorado families, life's basics seem out of reach. Shelter, food and clothing, to say nothing of child care, can equal—or exceed—a monthly budget for those living at the poverty level. It is estimated that 15% of the state's children are currently living in poverty, despite tremendous economic growth in our state since the early 1990's. Should this be cause for concern? Absolutely. Children who grow up in impoverished families are much more likely to experience bad outcomes in terms of their health, education and safety throughout childhood and into their adult years.

What can be done? Early educational opportunities for poor children have the ability to mitigate the harmful effects of poverty. For instance, four-year-olds enrolled in the Colorado Preschool Program come from at-risk households and typically lag 17 months behind their peers in language development. By the time they graduate from the program at age five, they have made up for lost ground and enter kindergarten on even footing, ready to learn. Best of all, studies suggest that the effects of high quality early education on young, high risk children, are long lasting and cumulative.

KIDSCOUNT! QUICK FACTS

FACT: Census figures show that 15% of Colorado's children live in poverty. In a few Colorado counties, up to 40-50% of children live in poverty.

- Children who are poor when they are young are more likely to die during childhood, be in poor health, experience learning disabilities and developmental delays, suffer from emotional or behavioral problems, score lower on standardized tests, be retained a grade, and drop out of school.

FACT: Though the rate of children in Colorado receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children has declined since 1991, still almost 7% of the state's children were relying on AFDC benefits in 1996.

- 1996 federal changes in welfare legislation replaced the AFDC program with the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. As of July 1, 1997, Colorado families must apply to the Colorado Works/TANF office and meet all training, education, and work requirements to receive cash benefits.

Definitions

Children receiving AFDC (rate)
Number of children under 18 receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children per 1,000 children provided by the CO Dept. of Human Services. Calculations for 1996 by the Colorado Children's Campaign.

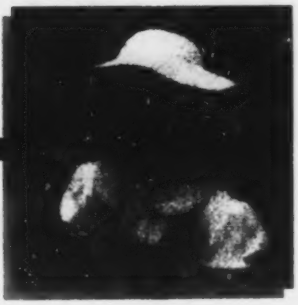
Children qualified for free lunch (percent)
Public school children qualify for free lunches if their family income is less than 130% of the official poverty level. Number of children who qualify for free school lunches per 100 students in public school provided by the CO Dept. of Education. Comparable 1991 data not available due to significant change in reporting practices.

Children in out-of-home placements (rate)
Out-of-home placements include family foster care, specialized group homes, residential child care facilities, independent living situations, foster care with relatives, residential treatment centers, detention, legal risk adoptions, medical care and both emergency and non-emergency placements in shelters. Number of emergency and non-emergency out-of-home placements per 1,000 children provided by the Child Welfare Division, CO Dept. of Human Services.

Births to single moms (percent)
Number of all births to single moms per 100 live births provided by the Health Statistics Section, CO Dept. of Public Health and Environment.

Births to single teens (percent)
Number of live births to single teens per 100 teen live births provided by the Health Statistics Section, CO Dept. of Public Health and Environment.

Population estimates provided by the Health Statistics Section Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and the Demography Section, Department of Local Affairs, Division of Local Government.



"For low income children, preschool education programs can mean the difference between failing and passing, regular or special education, staying out of trouble or becoming involved in crime and delinquency, dropping out or graduating from high school"

Children's Defense Fund

Household Income of Colorado's Families

Median income of
female headed family
$17,505

Median income of
married couple family
$40,095

Source: 1990 Census

FACT: 20% of public school students in Colorado qualify for a free lunch at school.

- Good nutrition is necessary for optimum psychological and cognitive development in children and child care programs and schools often are relied on to meet this need. One study showed that children in preschool received 75% of their nutritional intake from their child care provider.

FACT: The rate of out-of-home placements for Colorado children, including placements in foster care, residential child care, and specialized group homes, has risen from 9.5 to 14.2 per 1,000 since 1991.

- A national study estimates that almost 1/3 of the children in out-of-home placements have severe emotional problems.

FACT: About 25% of Colorado's babies are born to unwed mothers. More than 70% of teens who have babies are single.

- Children of single mothers are 5 times as likely to be poor as children living in two parent families.
- Of those cases in which child support payments are ordered in Colorado, payments are collected only 14% of the time.

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Child Health

It makes sense that the health of a child has an effect on all of the other things a child does. Everything from school work to social relationships can suffer when a child is ill. While missing a week of activity due to poor health isn't likely to have a long-term impact on a child's potential, poor health that stretches through childhood can.

New research on early brain development has shown that medical conditions that go untreated in young children can have a dramatic effect on the rest of their lives. For instance, children with untreated ear infections can suffer irreversible hearing damage that later will impair their ability to hear a classroom teacher's instructions. If not removed by the age of 2, cataracts that cloud a baby's vision will make that child blind forever. The truth is, the health of our children is not just an issue of their health today, but of their overall well-being far into the future.

KIDSCOUNT! QUICK FACTS

FACT: 81.4% of Colorado women who gave birth in 1996 received early prenatal care, nearly 9 percentage points shy of the Decade of the Child goal but an improvement when compared to 1991 figures.

➢ Women who receive prenatal care throughout their pregnancy stand a better chance of delivering healthy babies and are more likely to get preventive care such as immunizations and well-baby care for their infants.

FACT: Colorado's low birth weight rate continues to rise, reaching 8.9% in 1996, and is one of the worst in the country.

➢ The average hospital costs for a low birth weight baby are 10 times the cost of prenatal care. Also, up to 40% of babies born at a low birth weight experience learning difficulties.

FACT: Colorado's infant and child mortality rates, following the national trend, are on the decline. In 1996, the state's infant mortality rate was 6.6 deaths per 1,000, and the child mortality rate was 66.5 deaths per 100,000.

➢ The infant mortality rate for babies born into poor families remains 50% higher than the rate for babies born into families with incomes above the poverty line.

Definitions

Moms receiving early prenatal care (percent)
Number of births for which known prenatal care was initiated in the first trimester of pregnancy per 100 live births provided by the Health Statistics Section, CO Dept. of Public Health and Environment.

Low birth weight births (percent)
Number of babies born weighing 5.5 pounds or less (less than 2.5 kilograms) per 100 live births provided by the Health Statistics Section, CO Dept. of Public Health and Environment.

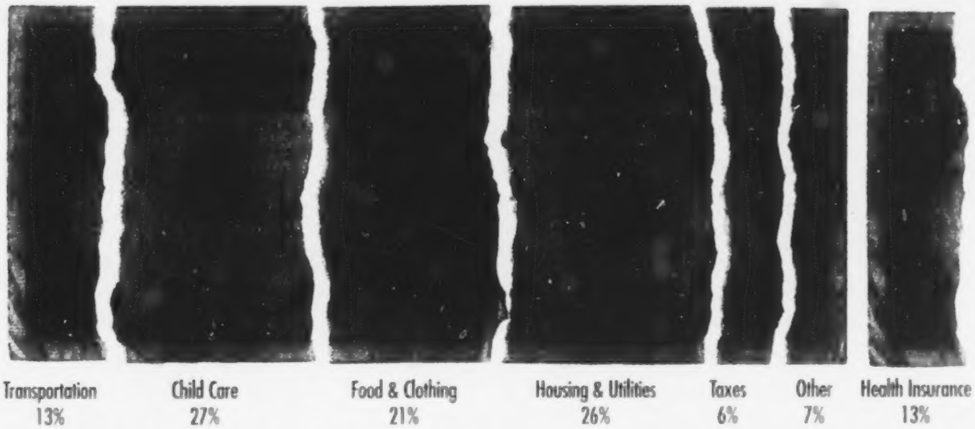
Deaths of infants under age 1 (rate)
Number of deaths during the first year of life per 1,000 births provided by the Health Statistics Section, CO Dept. of Public Health and Environment.

Deaths of children under age 18 (rate)
Number of deaths of children under 18 per 100,000 children provided by the Health Statistics Section, CO Dept. of Public Health and Environment, includes deaths from natural causes (such as illness or congenital defects) and injury (including motor vehicle deaths, homicides and suicides). Calculations by the Colorado Children's Campaign.

Child abuse/neglect
Number of confirmed incidents of child abuse or neglect provided by the Central Registry of Child Protection, Division of Child Welfare Services, CO Dept. of Human Services. An incident may involve more than one child, and includes physical abuse, neglect, medical neglect, sexual abuse and psychological or emotional abuse or neglect.

Population estimates provided by the Health Statistics Section, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and the Demography Section, Department of Local Affairs, Division of Local Government.

Monthly expenses for a family of four with annual income of $30,300.



Source note: Provided by the CO Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, Office of Public and Private Initiatives. Initial data by: Bureau of Labor Statistics/US Department of Labor, CO Department of Revenue, CO Department of Human Services, CO Division of Insurance, and the Census Bureau.

> *"State legislators grappling with health care reform soon realize that child health, particularly the health and nutrition of young children, is a cornerstone of health care cost containment. Good health is key to children's development, to their future personal and social development and their success in school and, later, work."*
>
> National Conference of State Legislatures

FACT: In 1996, there were 5,112 confirmed incidents of child abuse or neglect. The last year for which complete data is available, 1995, saw 20 children die statewide as a result of child abuse.

➢ Research shows that a child who has either been abused or witnesses such behavior is 40% more likely to be violent as an adult.

FACT: 161,000 children in Colorado, or approximately 15% of the total population under the age of 18, have no health insurance.

➢ Children without health insurance are less likely to get preventive care or see a doctor when they are sick, and more likely to get treatment in an emergency room and report poor health. National studies show that almost 90% of uninsured children have a parent who works.

FACT: An increasing percentage of Colorado's children are getting timely immunizations. The statewide rate has risen from 58% in 1991 to 79% in 1996.

➢ Immunizations are extremely cost-effective over time. Nationally, every dollar spent on childhood immunizations has been shown to save $10 in later medical expenses.

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Early Care & Education

Common sense has always told us that babies benefit from an environment of love, nurturing, and stimulation. Now, new medical research confirms the notion that the experiences of children in the first three years of life determine, to a large degree, the brightness of their future.

Unfortunately, an opportunity to build the foundation for learning in some young children is being wasted. Only 6% of Colorado's licensed child care centers are providing the level of quality needed to best support young children's developmental needs. At the same time, our schools have seen a dramatic increase in the numbers of entering students deemed at-risk, as well as those needing special education in order to catch up. Warm, responsive care for young children by parents, families, and other caregivers is the key to fostering development that will pay big dividends for today's children and their communities well into the future.

KIDSCOUNT! QUICK FACTS

FACT: On any given day, it is estimated that 48% of Colorado's young children spend some or all of their day in a child care center or a child care home. An analysis of 1990 Census data estimated that there was a significant shortage of licensed slots for care.

- Economic and social conditions have changed. By 1990, more than 6 in 10 married mothers with children under the age of six were working—double the 1970 figure.

FACT: 94% of Colorado's licensed child care facilities were ranked "poor" or "mediocre" according to a recent study that looked at children's developmental needs and the quality of the state's facilities.

- Children in high-quality child care programs have stronger language, pre-mathematics, and social skills than those in low quality programs, and in the long run are more likely to be successful in school, avoid trouble with the law, and earn higher incomes as adults.

FACT: Statewide enrollment in Colorado's public, private, and home schools continues to swell, with schools in the state serving 731,000 students in 1996.

- Since 1991, enrollment in public schools has grown by 14%, private schools have 29% more students, and 155% more are being home schooled.

Definitions

Child care

An estimate of child care need was calculated for children under the age of six with all parents in the workforce based on the number of spaces in state licensed child care centers and homes. Children under the age of six with all parents in the workforce taken from the 1990 Census; number of licensed child care spaces provided by the CO Dept. of Human Services, Division of Child Care Services Facility and Spaces Report. May 1995. Calculations by the Piton Foundation and the Colorado Children's Campaign.

Number of public school, non-public school and home school students

Number of public school, non-public school, and home school students provided by the CO Dept. of Education. Students enrolled in BOCES are included in the state total, but not the county report card breakout.

High school graduation rate

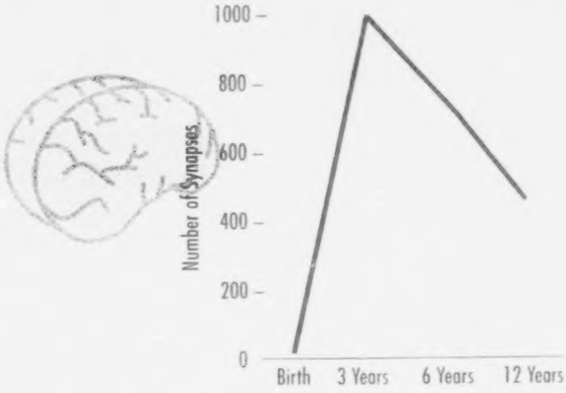
The graduation rate is a four-year rate based on dividing the membership base which is derived from an end-of-year count of eighth graders or a beginning-of-year count of ninth graders four years earlier, and adjusting that figure for the number of students who have transferred into or out of the district during the years covering grades 9 through 12. In addition, high schools can adjust their membership base for a student reported as a dropout during the previous school year if the high school has documentation that the student returned or transferred to another educational program. Graduation rates provided by the CO Dept. of Education.

High school dropout rate

The dropout rate is an annual rate reflecting the percentage of all students enrolled in grades 7-12 who leave school during the reporting period for any reason except for death and are not known to transfer to other public or private schools or an approved home study program. In accordance with a 1993 legislative mandate, beginning with the 1993-94 school year, the dropout rate calculation excludes expelled students. Drop out rates provided by the CO Dept. of Education.

> *"For a baby, those early weeks and months of growth, understanding, and reasoning can never be brought back to do over again. This is not a rehearsal—this is the main show."*
>
> Irving Harris

Growth of brain cell connections *(in trillions)*



Source: 1990 Census

FACT: First year results from the Colorado State Assessment Program indicate that state reading standards were met or surpassed by 57% of fourth grade students, but writing standards by only 31% of students.

- The assessment program is currently putting in place tests for students in the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 8th grades in the areas of reading, writing, math, science, history and geography.

FACT: Colorado's high school graduation rate is 77.7%, slightly worse than the 1991 rate and still 12 percentage points shy of the Decade of the Child goal.

- Graduation rates for black and Hispanic students are substantially lower than the statewide rate. In 1996, only 59% of Hispanic students and 65% of black students graduated in four years.

FACT: In 1996, almost 13,000 high school students dropped out of school.

- Dropout rates for non-Asian minority students are higher than the average. In 1996, more American Indian students in Colorado dropped out of school than graduated.
- On average, a high school dropout earns about 40% less annually than a high school graduate.

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Signs of Trouble

"Signs of Trouble" are not only indications of troubled lives, but of social costs as well. Youth crime, suicides, and three-risk factor births all exact a toll at some point on human lives and community resources. For instance, the cost of punishing Colorado youth for crimes committed has tripled over the past 10 years, and shows no sign of slowing. Fortunately, long-term solutions such as home visitation programs for new parents have the ability to turn around these negative statistics.

Ultimately, programs that target at-risk families with young children will be a key factor in reducing "signs of trouble" because circumstances in the lives of three- and four-year-olds often lead 10 years later to risk behaviors in teenagers. At the same time that we focus on long-term prevention strategies, it is important to keep a vigilant watch on children and teens who are currently at risk, and ensure that programs that are proven to work, like mentorships, are utilized to their fullest potential.

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FACT: More than 10% of Colorado babies are born to teenage moms. Only 28 percent of Colorado's teen mothers, aged 15-19, are married.

- Bearing a child during adolescence increases the likelihood that the teen mother and the child will experience greater obstacles in the long run. For instance, teen mothers are more likely to have limited schooling and, in turn, less likely to meet their full earnings potential in the future.

FACT: About 8% of births in Colorado are considered to have "three risk factors," meaning that the babies are born to single mothers under the age of 25 with less than a high school diploma.

- More than 4,500 Colorado children are being born each year into circumstances that are strongly linked to long-term poverty.

FACT: Colorado's teen suicide rate averaged from 1992-1996 was 13.2 teen suicides per 100,000 teens. Western mountain states, including Colorado, typically have the nation's highest rates.

- Over the past 35 years, the youth suicide rate has tripled. Research has shown that access to or the availability of firearms is a significant factor in the increase of youth suicide.

Definitions

Births to teens (percent)
Number of births to teens per 100 live births provided by the Health Statistics Section, CO Dept. of Public Health and Environment.

Teen birth rate
Number of live births to girls, ages 15-19, per 1,000 female teens of that age provided by the Health Statistics Section, CO Dept. of Public Health and Environment. Calculations for 1996 by the Colorado Children's Campaign.

Three risk factor births (percent)
Number of births that are to single moms under age 25 with less than a high school education per 100 live births provided by the Health Statistics Section, CO Dept. of Public Health and Environment.

Teen suicide rate
The teen suicide rate is the average annual number of suicides from 1992-1996 per 100,000 teens age 10-19.

Juvenile crime and violent crime arrest rates
The arrest rate is the number of all juvenile arrests per 1,000 youth ages 10-17. The violent crime arrest rate is the number of arrests of juveniles for violent crimes (homicide, forcible rape, aggravated assault, and robbery) per 10,000 youth ages 10-17. All agencies may not have reported 12 months of juvenile arrest data; the rates are subject to change. The annual figures include all arrests of youth during the year reported by law enforcement agencies. An individual is counted once for each time s/he is arrested. If the arrest is for multiple offenses, the arrest is counted only for the most serious offense. Arrests made by the State Patrol are included in the state total but not in the county report card breakout. Number of juvenile arrests provided in the annual report of the Colorado Bureau of Investigation's Crime Information Center.

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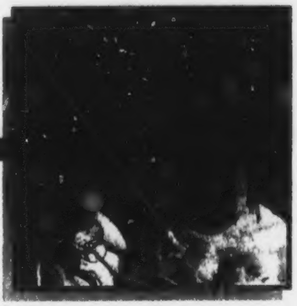
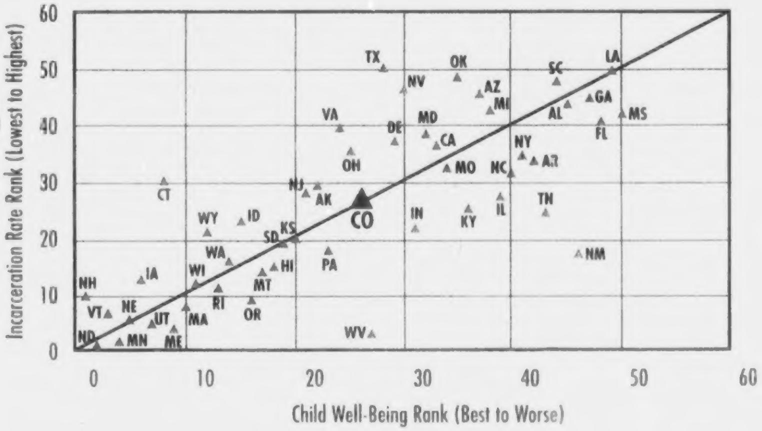


Relationship of Incarceration Rate and Child Well-Being (*1994 – Rank order of the 50 States*)



Indicators of child well-being: Percent low birth weight, infant mortality rate, death rate (1-14), teen violent death rate (15-19), juvenile incarceration rate, percent of children living in poverty, percent graduating high school. Source: American Probation and Parole Association, 1996

FACT: In 1996, Colorado's juvenile crime arrest rate was higher than in 1991, while the juvenile *violent* crime arrest rate was lower.

- There were more than 60,000 juvenile arrests recorded in 1996, for offenses ranging from curfew violations to rape. Almost 20% of the total number of people arrested on murder charges were juveniles.

FACT: A recent nationwide poll showed that a majority of adults consider drug abuse the biggest danger facing our nation's children.

- After declining for 14 years in a row, drug use among high school seniors has been on the rise nationally since 1992. In Colorado, public schools expelled 40% more students for drug offenses during the 1996-97 school year than during the previous year.
- Teens who aren't living with both biological parents are much more likely to use and become dependent on illicit drugs, alcohol, and cigarettes.

> *"We must restore to teenagers a belief in themselves, their futures, and the broader society. As long as they lack adequate opportunities to learn, work, develop healthy self-esteem, and succeed, our nation will face abnormally high rates of teen pregnancy, drug use, and violence..."*
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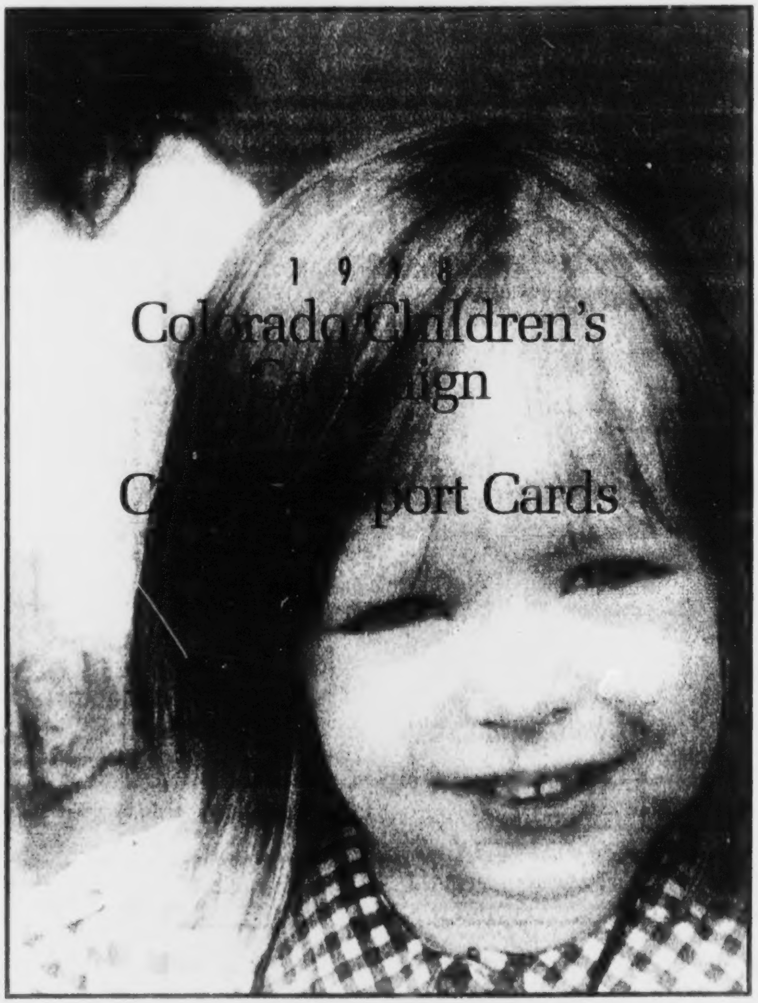

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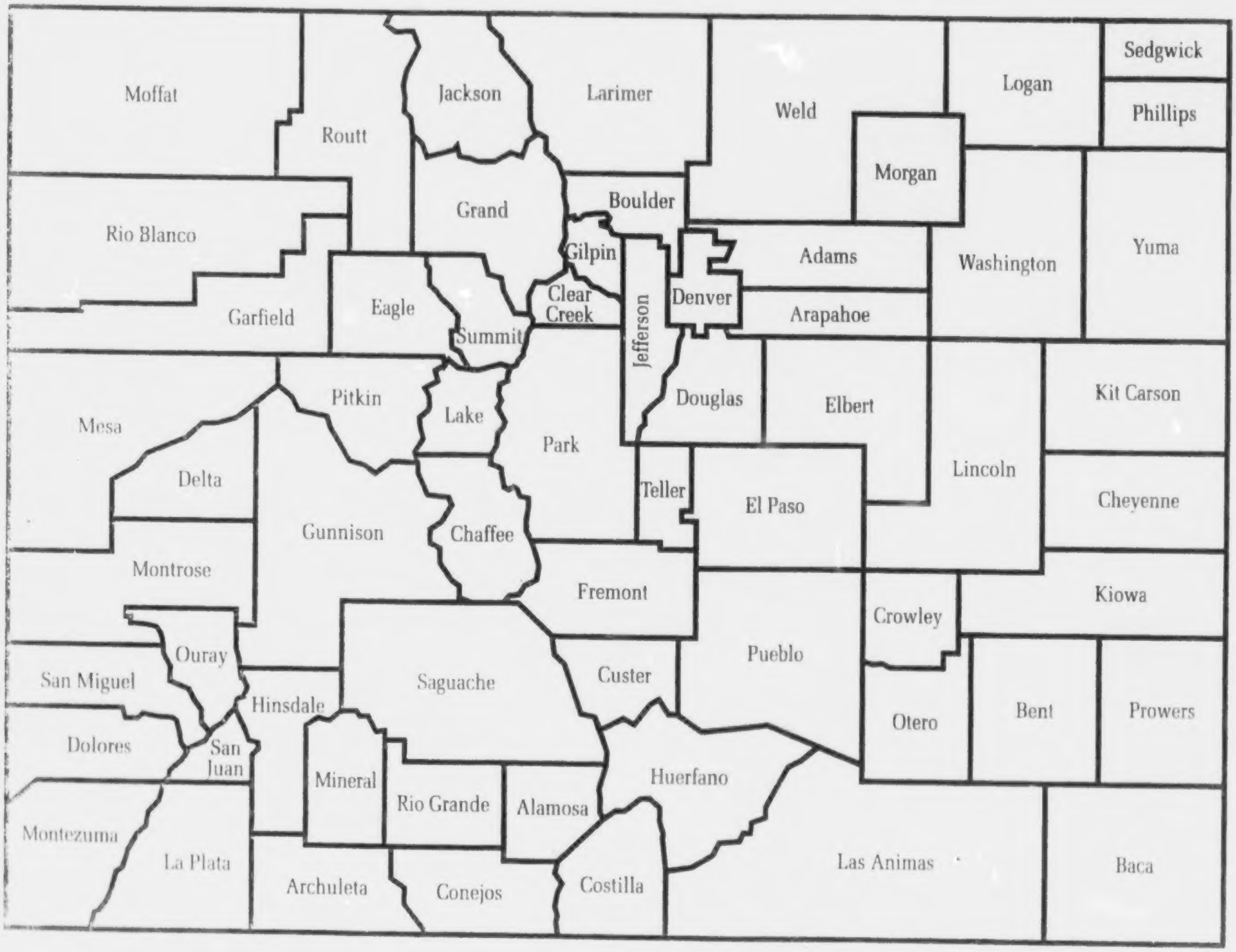
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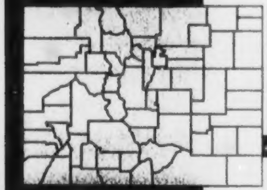

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STATE DEMOGRAPHICS	
1997 population	3,895,524
1997 population under 18	1,043,910
Under 1	58,351
1–4	235,270
5–9	297,199
10–14	287,054
15–19	289,709
1996 # of live births	55,779

FAMILY ECONOMICS	
Median family income	$35,930
Median income of married couple family	$40,095
Median income of female headed family	$17,505
# of children living in poverty	126,181
% of children living in poverty	15%

*1990 Census data

Did you know?

Concerned in 1990 about the effect of emerging economic and social trends on the state's children, the Colorado Children's Campaign established specific "Decade of the Child" goals in the areas of child health, education and safety with the endorsement of 1200 organizations and individuals across the state. Since that time, only 1 of the 12 indicators (infant mortality) has reached the decade goal.

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FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96	trend
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	85.9	83.9	67.4	⇩
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	20.8	21.8	--
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	9.5	13.4	14.2	⇧
Births to single moms (%)	23.8	25.0	24.8	--
Teen births to single teens (%)	67.4	72.5	71.6	--
CHILD HEALTH				
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	78.6	80.7	81.4	⇧
Low birth weight births (%)	8.2	8.6	8.9	⇧
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	8.4	6.9	6.6	⇩
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	83.3	73.1	66.5	⇩
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	5,886	5,112	⇩
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION				
Children needing child care (# 1990)			177,027	
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			106,293	
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	593,030	640,521	673,438	⇧
K-12 non-public school students (#)	38,142	47,314	49,078	⇧
K-12 home school students (#)	3,331	6,656	8,490	⇧
High school graduation rate (%)	78.9	78.8	77.7	--
High school dropout rate (%)	3.6	4.3	4.0	--
SIGNS OF TROUBLE				
Births to teens (% of all births)	11.6	12.1	11.7	--
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	54.7	50.6	50.7	⇩
Three risk factor births (%)	8.1	8.3	8.1	--
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			13.2	
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	148.0	138.0	159.0	--
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	50.1	42.0	32.0	⇩

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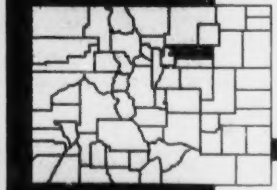

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

1997 population	**312,183**
1997 population under 18	**90,470**
Under 1	**5,008**
1–4	**20,134**
5–9	**25,812**
10–14	**24,900**
15–19	**23,639**
1996 # of live births	**4,855**

FAMILY ECONOMICS

Median family income	**$34,618**
Median income of married couple family	**$38,385**
Median income of female headed family	**$18,297**
# of children living in poverty	**10,628**
% of children living in poverty	**14.1%**

*1990 Census data

Did you know?

Since 1991, Adams County's teen birth rate and high school graduation rate have been improving. Despite recent progress, however, Adams County's graduation rate remains almost 17 percentage points shy of the decade goal.

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1998 KidsCount! in Adams County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	101.5	103.8	84.1 (48)	⇩	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	24.5	23.3 (34)	--	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	11.6	17.3	15.9 (44)	--	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	30.3	32.3	27.9	--	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	71.1	77.8	72.4	--	71.6
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	75.3	77.1	79.2 (35)	⇧	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	8.5	9.6	9.3	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	8.3	7.1	4.9	⇩	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	88.7	73.4	54.8	⇩	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	651	482	⇩	5,112
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			17,102		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			7,749		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	48,733	51,794	54,398	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	1,630	1,881	1,882	⇧	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	147	336	434	⇧	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	68.6	71.6	73.2 (53)	⇧	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	4.5	4.5	4.1 (52)	⇩	4.0
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	15.1	15.8	13.1	--	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	84.5	77.2	65.5	⇩	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	10.9	11.6	9.5	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			12.0		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	389.9	338.0	324.0	⇩	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	179.3	158.0	64.2	⇩	32.0

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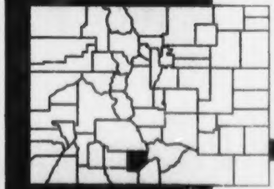

Alamosa County

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1997 population	**15,601**
1997 population under 18	**4,698**
Under 1	**229**
1–4	**1,029**
5–9	**1,415**
10–14	**1,322**
15–19	**1,404**
1996 # of live births	**227**

FAMILY ECONOMICS	
Median family income	**$23,114**
Median income of married couple family	**$27,232**
Median income of female headed family	**$9,229**
# of children living in poverty	**1,219**
% of children living in poverty	**30.5%**

*1990 Census data

Did you know?

Since 1991, student enrollment in Alamosa County's public schools has declined slightly. At the same time, enrollment in private schools has more than doubled and the number of home school students has increased from 28 to 54.

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FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	157.6	140.0	116.9(53)	⇩	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	44.9	40.1 (54)	⇩	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	7.1	10.3	17.9 (48)	⇧	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	21.4	19.2	36.6	⇧	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	62.5	43.2	79.5	--	71.6
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	79.3	88.2	78.3 (40)	--	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	11.3	8.9	11.9	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	35.2	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	73.5	64.7	227.9	⇧	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	23	15	⇩	5,112
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			811		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			300		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	2,847	2,813	2,797	⇩	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	60	129	160	⇧	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	28	31	54	⇧	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	70.5	88.6	83.9 (30)	--	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	3.2	2.8	3.7 (50)	--	4.0
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	15.6	19.6	19.4	⇧	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	54.9	55.2	54.9	--	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	7.0	8.3	9.7	⇧	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			*		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	154.8	155.0	148.8	⇩	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	23.9	33.0	10.3	--	32.0

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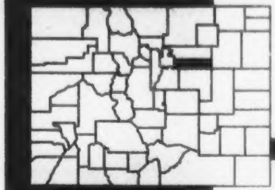

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1997 population	457,158
1997 population under 18	122,876
Under 1	6,560
1–4	26,001
5–9	34,190
10–14	34,615
15–19	35,260
1996 # of live births	6,115

FAMILY ECONOMICS	
Median family income	$44,874
Median income of married couple family	$49,760
Median income of female headed family	$23,830
# of children living in poverty	7,849
% of children living in poverty	7.5%

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Did you know?

There were 492 confirmed incidents of child abuse or neglect in Arapahoe County in 1996 – the equivalent of one and a half each day.

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FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	45.0	44.6	40.5 (32)	⇩	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	13.1	13.6 (20)	--	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	5.4	9.0	10.1 (23)	⇧	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	18.6	21.3	21.7	⇧	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	70.5	75.6	77.0	⇧	71.6
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	83.3	86.5	87.4 (16)	⇧	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	7.7	9.0	9.6	⇧	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	8.1	7.2	6.7	⇩	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	68.2	67.7	60.7	⇩	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	627	492	⇩	5,112
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			22,697		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			15,720		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	79,775	85,120	88,875	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	5,928	7,364	7,426	⇧	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	340	746	990	⇧	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	78.8	82.2	84.1 (28)	⇧	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	3.4	2.9	2.4 (28)	⇩	4.0
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	7.8	8.6	9.0	⇧	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	41.1	38.7	39.5	--	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	5.0	5.2	5.5	⇧	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			14.0		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	46.7	22.0	50.4	--	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	10.2	4.0	9.0	--	32.0

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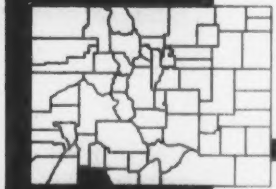

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

1997 population	8,364
1997 population under 18	2,305
Under 1	102
1–4	418
5–9	671
10–14	698
15–19	649
1996 # of live births	78

FAMILY ECONOMICS

Median family income	$27,359
Median income of married couple family	$29,422
Median income of female headed family	$10,481
# of children living in poverty	360
% of children living in poverty	23.0%

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Did you know?

Since 1991, Archuleta County's high school graduation rate has declined by about 5%, and is now 80.6%.

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FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	83.1	54.7	34.9 (29)	⇩	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	28.7	23.6 (35)	⇩	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	10.6	14.9	9.6 (22)	--	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	23.6	28.8	26.9	--	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	46.2	100.0	58.8	--	71.6
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	66.7	78.0	82.1 (28)	⇧	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	11.1	5.1	14.1	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	*	*	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	27	22	⇩	5,112
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			280		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			76		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	1,162	1,331	1,483	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	25	81	81	⇧	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	7	16	53	⇧	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	85.4	83.8	80.6 (44)	⇩	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	2.2	1.9	3.6 (48)	⇧	4.0
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	18.1	15.3	21.8	--	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	73.4	40.7	66.7	--	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	8.3	14.0	7.7	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			*		13.2
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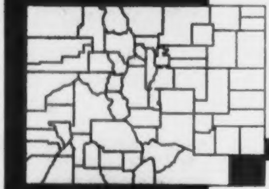

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

1997 population	**4,525**
1997 population under 18	**1,136**
Under 1	**51**
1–4	**211**
5–9	**310**
10–14	**384**
15–19	**284**
1996 # of live births	**59**

FAMILY ECONOMICS

Median family income	**$23,054**
Median income of married couple family	**$24,286**
Median income of female headed family	**$12,625**
# of children living in poverty	**242**
% of children living in poverty	**21.1%**

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Baca County's high school graduation rate reached the Decade of the Child goal in 1996 and the county now ranks 15th in the state for high school graduation and dropout rates.

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1998 KidsCount! in Baca County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	69.8	55.9	52.8 (38)	⇩	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	31.8	28.8 (43)	⇩	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	10.0	7.4	13.0 (33)	--	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	10.9	13.2	15.3	⇧	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	50.0	33.3	50.0	--	71.6
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	81.4	71.2	86.4 (17)	--	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	*	*	*	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	*	*	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	3	5	⇧	5,112
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			167		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			48		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	851	928	876	--	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	0	0	0	--	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	31	10	14	--	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	85.7	87.0	90.5 (15)	⇧	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	1.2	1.7	1.1(15)	--	4.0
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	17.4	17.0	13.6	⇩	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	63.0	66.7	57.6	--	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	4.4	5.7	5.1	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			*		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	2.1	2.0	1.8	⇩	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	20.7	0.0	0.0	⇩	32.0

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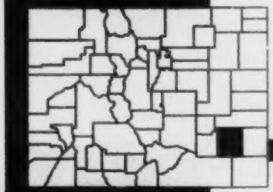

Bent County 1998 KidsCount! Report Card

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1997 population	5,796
1997 population under 18	1,493
Under 1	64
1–4	305
5–9	414
10–14	453
15–19	425
1996 # of live births	52

FAMILY ECONOMICS	
Median family income	$22,325
Median income of married couple family	$24,082
Median income of female headed family	$11,771
# of children living in poverty	350
% of children living in poverty	25.8%

*1990 Census data

Did you know?

One of every two babies born in Bent County in 1996 was born to a single mother – a marked increase over 1991 when the ratio was closer to one in every four.

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1998 KidsCount! in Bent County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	164.7	146.3	140.8 (59)	⇩	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	45.5	43.6 (56)	⇩	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	9.3	13.9	19.1 (53)	⇧	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	26.1	29.9	50.0	⇧	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	50.0	71.4	72.7	⇧	71.6
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	73.3	71.6	69.2 (55)	⇩	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	8.7	10.4	11.5	⇧	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	*	*	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	7	19	⇧	5,112
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			153		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			76		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	986	1,022	1,017	--	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	0	0	0	--	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	6	10	22	⇧	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	82.1	84.9	83.6(33)	--	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	1.8	2.1	0.8(11)	--	4.0
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	26.1	20.9	21.2	⇩	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	71.4	80.6	67.9	--	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	17.4	7.5	13.5	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			*		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	14.9	30.0	63.5	⇧	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	49.5	0.0	16.3	--	32.0

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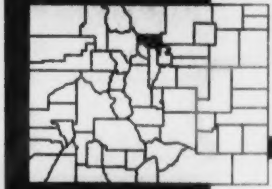

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

1997 population	265,490
1997 population under 18	62,548
Under 1	3,273
1–4	13,343
5–9	18,350
10–14	17,772
15–19	20,442
1996 # of live births	3,260

FAMILY ECONOMICS

Median family income	$43,782
Median income of married couple family	$48,039
Median income of female headed family	$21,430
# of children living in poverty	4,590
% of children living in poverty	9.1%

*1990 Census data

Did you know?

Boulder County's infant mortality rate was lower in 1996 than in 1991, and better than the Decade of the Child goal. At the same time, other indications of poor infant health, including low birth weight births and the percent of three-risk factor births, are at a decade high.

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1998 KidsCount! in Boulder County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	41.9	34.4	27.5 (22)	⇩	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	12.2	11.9 (16)	--	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	7.7	9.7	8.5 (16)	⇧	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	16.4	17.5	18.8	⇧	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	66.4	72.1	75.6	⇧	71.6
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	77.7	84.0	81.7 (29)	--	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	6.4	7.0	8.0	⇧	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	5.4	5.2	4.3	⇩	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	69.9	54.4	45.8	⇩	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	554	423	⇩	5,112
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			11,029		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			7,812		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	38,185	41,140	43,107	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	2,822	4,015	4,590	⇧	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	172	277	349	⇧	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	80.5	82.8	84.0 (29)	⇧	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	2.7	3.4	3.1 (43)	--	4.0
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	7.4	7.2	7.9	--	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	28.4	25.7	31.6	--	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	4.5	5.3	5.3	⇧	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			7.5		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	131.7	170.0	170.5	⇧	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	31.0	26.0	32.9	--	32.0

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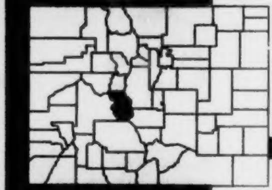

Chaffee County

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

1997 population	**15,781**
1997 population under 18	**3,570**
Under 1	**158**
1–4	**630**
5–9	**977**
10–14	**1,128**
15–19	**1,132**
1996 # of live births	**120**

FAMILY ECONOMICS

Median family income	**$25,439**
Median income of married couple family	**$27,130**
Median income of female headed family	**$10,862**
# of children living in poverty	**518**
% of children living in poverty	**18.3%**

*1990 Census data

Did you know?

Since 1991, two important indicators show progress, the teen birth rate and the percent of all births in Chaffee County to teenage mothers. At the same time, the county's high school graduation rate remains relatively low, ranking 40th of Colorado's 63 counties.

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1998 KidsCount! in Chaffee County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	54.0	65.7	51.0 (37)	--	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	22.9	21.3 (31)	⇩	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	10.5	10.0	4.5 (7)	⇩	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	10.0	18.5	17.5	⇧	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	37.0	54.5	41.7	--	71.6
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	83.3	75.8	86.4 (17)	--	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	9.2	12.9	7.5	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	94.0	*	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	27	24	⇩	5,112
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			515		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			276		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	2,167	2,206	2,265	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	90	222	220	⇧	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	21	75	60	⇧	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	78.0	75.0	81.4 (40)	--	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	2.8	3.7	2.9 (38)	--	4.0
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	22.5	17.7	10.0	⇩	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	73.8	53.8	28.6	⇩	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	6.7	6.5	4.2	⇩	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			43.9		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	78.0	72.0	105.6	--	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	14.2	7.0	19.4	--	32.0

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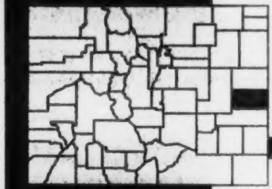

Cheyenne County 1998 KidsCount! Report Card

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1997 population	2,356
1997 population under 18	721
Under 1	28
1–4	118
5–9	206
10–14	254
15–19	176
1996 # of live births	24

FAMILY ECONOMICS	
Median family income	$30,053
Median income of married couple family	$30,788
Median income of female headed family	$18,125
# of children living in poverty	101
% of children living in poverty	13.4%

*1990 Census data

Did you know?

Cheyenne County consistently turns in one of the best high school graduation rates in Colorado, reaching almost 97% in 1996. Unfortunately, confirmed incidents of child abuse or neglect in the county nearly doubled from 1994 to 1996.

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1998 KidsCount! in Cheyenne County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	27.9	36.6	26.5 (19)	--	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	18.6	17.8 (26)	--	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	7.2	16.6	25.0 (60)	⇧	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	8.9	13.6	16.7	⇧	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	*	*	80.0	--	71.6

CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	80.0	59.1	79.2 (35)	--	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	6.7	*	*	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	*	*	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	6	11	⇧	5,112

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			174		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			42		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	506	511	493	--	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	0	0	0	--	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	2	13	19	⇧	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	97.1	100.0	96.9 (1)	--	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	0.0	0.0	0.4 (5)	--	4.0

SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	17.8	22.7	20.8	--	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	127.0	71.2	65.8	⇩	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	*	*	*	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			*		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	6.3	9.0	22.7	⇧	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	32.0

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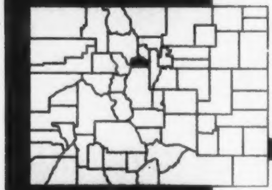

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1997 population	**8,798**
1997 population under 18	**2,334**
Under 1	**105**
1–4	**487**
5–9	**652**
10–14	**680**
15–19	**647**
1996 # of live births	**94**

FAMILY ECONOMICS	
Median family income	**$41,111**
Median income of married couple family	**$43,796**
Median income of female headed family	**$14,766**
# of children living in poverty	**214**
% of children living in poverty	**11.1%**

*1990 Census data

Did you know?

Clear Creek County's high school graduation rate has dropped dramatically — from 93.3% in 1991 to 71.0% in 1996.

Also, though the teen birth rate is on the decline, a greater number of the teens having babies are single.

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1998 KidsCount! in Clear Creek County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	32.0	13.3	11.7 (7)	⇩	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	11.8	12.7 (17)	⇧	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	32.0	28.5	21.9(57)	⇩	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	20.4	16.9	22.3	--	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	62.5	71.4	100.0	⇧	71.6
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	86.3	90.6	91.1 (8)	⇧	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	12.2	13.6	7.4	⇩	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	25.4	*	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	206.4	180.2	*	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	5	8	⇧	5,112
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			416		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			150		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	1,443	1,393	1,449	--	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	0	59	79	⇧	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	7	16	10	--	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	93.3	81.7	71.0 (55)	⇩	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	0.9	4.8	1.7 (21)	--	4.0
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	8.2	5.9	3.2	⇩	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	37.7	25.6	11.6	⇩	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	4.1	2.6	3.2	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			*		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	39.5	107.0	26.7	--	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	23.9	98.0	10.3	--	32.0

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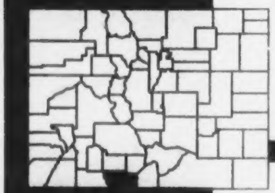

Conejos County 1998 KidsCount! Report Card

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1997 population	7,835
1997 population under 18	2,500
Under 1	118
1–4	506
5–9	690
10–14	735
15–19	706
1996 # of live births	124

FAMILY ECONOMICS	
Median family income	$17,155
Median income of married couple family	$19,073
Median income of female headed family	$9,473
# of children living in poverty	1,071
% of children living in poverty	41.4%

*1990 Census data

Did you know?

Conejos County's high school graduation rate has improved since 1991, and met the Decade of the Child goal of 90% in 1996. Over the same time period, however, "three risk factor" births to moms who are single, under the age of 25, and haven't graduated from high school have more than doubled.

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1998 KidsCount! in Conejos County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	142.5	132.6	129.5(54)	⇩	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	51.1	49.5(60)	--	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	5.3	10.4	5.6 (8)	--	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	22.7	25.9	31.5	⇧	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	68.8	60.7	61.5	--	71.6
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	72.9	85.2	81.5 (30)	--	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	7.2	6.9	8.9	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	25.9	*	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	153.5	*	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	10	6	⇩	5,112
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			370		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			63		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	1,950	2,002	2,058	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	0	0	0	--	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	1	5	4	--	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	81.8	86.8	90.4(17)	⇧	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	3.9	2.7	1.0(13)	⇩	4.0
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	16.5	24.1	21.0	--	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	54.6	80.6	74.5	--	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	5.2	9.6	11.3	⇧	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			*		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	31.0	n/a	n/a	--	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	n/a	n/a	--	32.0

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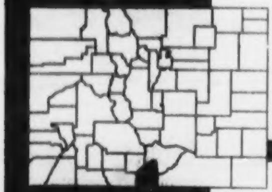

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1997 population	**3,494**
1997 population under 18	**997**
Under 1	**43**
1–4	**211**
5–9	**282**
10–14	**269**
15–19	**277**
1996 # of live births	**38**

FAMILY ECONOMICS	
Median family income	**$15,127**
Median income of married couple family	**$16,474**
Median income of female headed family	**$7,510**
# of children living in poverty	**456**
% of children living in poverty	**50.2%**

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Did you know?

Two-thirds of Costilla County's public school students qualify for free lunch because their families' income is less than 130% of the federal poverty level ($16,874 for a family of three in 1996).

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FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	203.3	189.0	181.2 (62)	⇩	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	63.3	66.4 (63)	⇧	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	5.8	12.0	13.7 (37)	⇧	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	17.9	38.3	28.9	--	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	*	90.9	66.7	--	71.6
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	71.1	78.7	71.1 (53)	--	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	5.1	21.3	13.2	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	*	*	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	2	2	--	5,112
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			75		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			0		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	675	714	770	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	0	0	0	--	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	7	10	2	--	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	90.9	97.4	90.5 (15)	--	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	1.9	0.0	0.0 (1)	⇩	4.0
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	*	23.4	15.8	--	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	*	102.5	51.7	--	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	*	11.9	*	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			*		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	36.9	13.0	n/a	--	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	0.0	n/a	--	32.0

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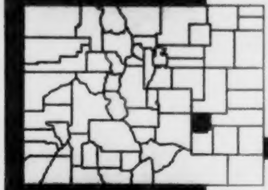

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

1997 population	**4,474**
1997 population under 18	**1,019**
Under 1	**45**
1–4	**198**
5–9	**280**
10–14	**325**
15–19	**279**
1996 # of live births	**45**

FAMILY ECONOMICS

Median family income	**$18,345**
Median income of married couple family	**$19,614**
Median income of female headed family	**$7,706**
# of children living in poverty	**263**
% of children living in poverty	**32.4%**

*1990 Census data

Did you know?

In 1996, children under the age of 18 in Crowley County received federal aid in the form of Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) at a greater rate than children living in any other Colorado county.

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1998 KidsCount! in Crowley County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	210.5	253.9	224.9 (63)	--	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	51.3	48.8 (58)	--	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	5.9	13.4	8.8(18)	--	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	34.1	23.7	44.4	--	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	100.0	*	80.0	--	71.6

CHILD HEALTH	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	68.3	64.9	77.8 (41)	--	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	9.8	10.5	8.9	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	*	324.3	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	2	4	⇧	5,112

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children needing child care (# 1990)			129		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			94		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	583	614	642	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	28	25	21	⇩	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	8	19	26	⇧	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	81.3	89.1	83.9 (30)	--	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	4.0	1.3	1.0 (13)	⇩	4.0

SIGNS OF TROUBLE	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Births to teens (% of all births)	17.1	15.8	22.2	--	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	93.3	61.9	96.2	--	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	19.5	*	15.6	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			*		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	5.6	7.0	52.2	⇧	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	0.0	43.5	⇧	32.0

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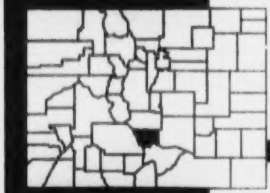

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1997 population	3,073
1997 population under 18	796
Under 1	40
1–4	169
5–9	206
10–14	233
15–19	233
1996 # of live births	35

FAMILY ECONOMICS	
Median family income	$23,919
Median income of married couple family	$24,797
Median income of female headed family	$11,000
# of children living in poverty	117
% of children living in poverty	24.4%

*1990 Census data

Did you know?

Custer County's 1996 high school graduation rate was second best in the state, with over 96% of students completing in four years. This fact is particularly impressive given Custer County's relatively high rate of low income children under the age of 18 receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children.

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1998 KidsCount! in Custer County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	67.7	71.6	85.4 (49)	⇧	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	28.3	20.8 (30)	⇩	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	7.6	5.2	3.2 (2)	⇩	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	8.3	17.5	28.6	⇧	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	*	60.0	75.0	--	71.6
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	62.5	87.2	77.1 (45)	--	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	4.2	12.5	14.3	⇧	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	*	*	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	4	0	⇩	5,112
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			92		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			16		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	369	410	448	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	0	0	21	⇧	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	11	7	22	--	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	95.7	94.4	96.2 (2)	--	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	0.0	0.5	1.7 (21)	⇧	4.0
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	*	12.5	11.4	--	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	*	57.7	39.6	--	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	*	*	*	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			*		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	26.6	13.0	34.5	--	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	32.0

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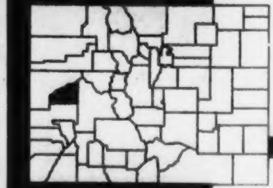

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

1997 population	**26,223**
1997 population under 18	**6,681**
Under 1	**332**
1–4	1,375
5–9	1,801
10–14	1,960
15–19	1,948
1996 # of live births	320

FAMILY ECONOMICS

Median family income	**$22,197**
Median income of married couple family	**$23,661**
Median income of female headed family	**$10,000**
# of children living in poverty	**1,206**
% of children living in poverty	**24.1%**

*1990 Census data

Did you know?

Delta County's teen birth rate, 87.6 per 1,000, has worsened since 1991 and is one of the highest in the state. In 1996, more than 2 in 10 babies born in Delta County was born to a teen mother.

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FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	105.2	89.6	70.1 (45)	⇩	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	31.3	29.0 (44)	⇩	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	25.3	15.0	11.2 (27)	⇩	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	21.5	31.7	21.9	--	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	40.5	65.3	58.6	--	71.6
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	53.9	68.7	71.7 (51)	⇧	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	7.7	7.7	7.5	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	15.4	*	*	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	114.1	84.4	104.6	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	31	21	⇩	5,112
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			657		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			286		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	4,065	4,564	4,676	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	91	97	82	--	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	59	107	130	⇧	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	86.8	86.2	85.9 (26)	--	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	2.9	3.1	3.4 (46)	⇧	4.0
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	16.2	24.0	21.9	--	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	62.1	93.6	87.6	--	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	8.5	15.1	9.7	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			18.7		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	39.5	24.0	26.8	⇩	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	3.0	7.2	⇧	32.0

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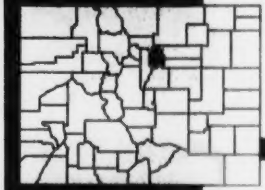

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

1997 population	501,473
1997 population under 18	133,730
Under 1	9,260
1–4	34,972
5–9	39,817
10–14	31,956
15–19	32,706
1996 # of live births	9,131

FAMILY ECONOMICS

Median family income	$32,038
Median income of married couple family	$38,047
Median income of female headed family	$16,365
# of children living in poverty	27,106
% of children living in poverty	27.2%

*1990 Census data

Did you know?

Since 1991, Denver County's high school graduation rate has dropped significantly, from 72.5% to 60.6% in just five years. Out of home placements have also worsened. County indicators showing recent improvement include the teen birth rate and the child mortality rate, which has declined from 114 to 71 per 100,000 since 1991 and is nearing the state average.

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FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	195.3	197.4	165.9 (60)	⇩	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	52.0	53.4 (61)	--	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	16.9	26.7	30.1 (62)	⇧	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	38.4	38.7	36.2	⇩	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	77.7	80.4	75.9	--	71.6
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	74.5	72.1	74.6 (48)	--	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	10.3	10.3	10.0	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	10.8	8.7	6.0	⇩	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	114.4	100.9	71.0	⇩	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	754	784	⇧	5,112
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			22,492		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			14,010		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	60,552	62,773	66,331	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	10,910	11,345	11,323	⇧	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	212	399	405	⇧	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	72.5	67.8	60.6 (61)	⇩	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	6.8	9.0	8.5 (63)	⇧	4.0
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	15.8	15.3	15.3	--	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	87.4	63.9	71.4	--	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	14.9	15.2	14.0	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			11.2		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	263.3	171.0	231.7	--	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	33.0	13.0	37.1	--	32.0

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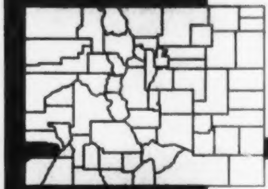

Dolores County

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

1997 population	1,708
1997 population under 18	438
Under 1	23
1–4	89
5–9	114
10–14	127
15–19	145
1996 # of live births	22

FAMILY ECONOMICS

Median family income	$24,671
Median income of married couple family	$25,150
Median income of female headed family	$9,293
# of children living in poverty	51
% of children living in poverty	12.5%

*1990 Census data

Did you know?

Three of every 10 Dolores County babies born in 1996 were born to a single mother, an increase over 1991 figures. Out of home placements were also higher in 1996 than in 1991.

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FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	32.9	37.9	34.4 (28)	--	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	16.6	20.4(29)	⇧	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	0.0	9.9	10.1 (23)	⇧	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	21.4	30.8	31.8	⇧	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	*	*	100.0	--	71.6
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	61.5	84.6	71.4 (52)	--	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	*	*	*	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	*	*	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	1	2	--	5,112
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			62		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			17		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	305	332	382	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	6	15	5	--	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	5	5	2	--	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	81.8	95.0	92.0 (11)	--	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	0.6	1.1	2.3 (26)	⇧	4.0
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	28.6	*	22.7	--	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	111.1	*	74.6	--	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	21.4	*	*	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			*		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	0.0	24.0	0.0	--	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	32.0

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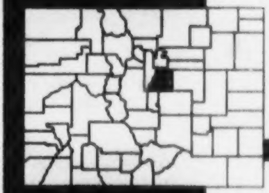

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Did you know?

From 1991 to 1996, Douglas County's student enrollment grew by more than 10,600 students, or 71% in just five years. Douglas County is one of the best counties in the state in terms of child well-being.

COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1997 population	**119,472**
1997 population under 18	**35,060**
Under 1	2,129
1–4	8,396
5–9	10,280
10–14	9,375
15–19	7,899
1996 # of live births	**2,121**

FAMILY ECONOMICS	
Median family income	**$54,244**
Median income of married couple family	**$56,190**
Median income of female headed family	**$24,957**
# of children living in poverty	**673**
% of children living in poverty	**3.6%**

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FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	9.3	10.1	6.1 (5)	--	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	2.1	1.8 (3)	--	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	2.4	2.2	1.8 (1)	⇩	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	5.1	4.9	4.6	--	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	70.8	87.2	69.4	--	71.6
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	94.6	95.7	95.6 (5)	--	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	6.6	7.1	7.4	⇧	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	5.4	2.4	5.7	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	58.9	39.8	54.6	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	39	21	⇩	5,112
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			4,025		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			3,288		106,293
Pre-K-12 public school students (#)	14,720	20,041	24,495	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	211	482	838	⇧	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	90	185	299	⇧	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	88.4	90.3	89.1 (19)	--	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	1.1	1.0	1.1 (15)	--	4.0
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	1.8	2.3	2.3	⇧	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	12.8	17.3	19.5	⇧	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	0.8	1.1	0.8	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			15.7		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	100.4	107.0	68.3	--	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	10.3	10.0	10.7	--	32.0

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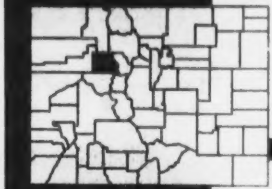

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1997 population	**31,447**
1997 population under 18	**8,527**
Under 1	509
1–4	2,008
5–9	2,593
10–14	2,251
15–19	1,753
1996 # of live births	**560**

FAMILY ECONOMICS	
Median family income	**$41,183**
Median income of married couple family	**$44,043**
Median income of female headed family	**$20,641**
# of children living in poverty	**437**
% of children living in poverty	**8.0%**

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Did you know?

There were 31 confirmed incidents of child abuse or neglect in Eagle County in 1996 — up from 22 confirmed incidents in 1994.

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FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	10.1	8.6	5.3 (4)	⇩	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	13.6	14.0 (22)	--	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	7.7	6.1	7.0 (14)	--	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	13.5	13.2	12.1	--	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	56.7	46.9	27.6	⇩	71.6
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	75.8	74.3	76.1 (46)	--	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	8.4	12.7	10.4	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	8.8	*	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	33.6	98.7	41.9	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	22	31	⇧	5,112
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			1,543		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			821		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	2,897	3,515	3,954	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	186	219	227	⇧	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	24	19	38	--	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	82.3	81.8	82.3 (35)	--	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	3.0	2.6	3.4 (46)	--	4.0
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	6.8	7.0	10.4	⇧	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	59.2	49.6	78.9	--	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	4.1	5.4	4.3	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			*		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	70.1	48.0	84.2	--	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	4.0	6.9	⇧	32.0

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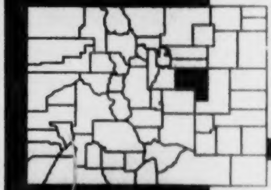

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1997 population	**17,793**
1997 population under 18	**4,826**
Under 1	272
1–4	989
5–9	1,393
10–14	1,399
15–19	1,237
1996 # of live births	**190**

FAMILY ECONOMICS	
Median family income	**$38,193**
Median income of married couple family	**$39,784**
Median income of female headed family	**$17,361**
# of children living in poverty	**197**
% of children living in poverty	**6.7%**

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Did you know?

Over 92% of Elbert County's mothers-to-be in 1996 received early prenatal care, reaching the Decade of the Child goal. Low birth weight births in Elbert County remain about 3 1/2 percentage points higher than the state's goal.

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FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	24.5	27.6	16.2 (12)	--	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	9.3	6.4 (7)	⇩	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	0.0	5.2	3.8 (4)	--	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	8.0	14.0	12.1	--	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	50.0	81.8	100.0	⇧	71.6
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	85.3	88.2	92.6 (6)	⇧	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	9.5	9.4	8.4	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	96.2	*	115.7	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	15	13	⇩	5,112
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			603		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			258		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	2,192	2,734	3,417	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	0	0	0	--	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	19	76	90	⇧	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	74.4	88.6	74.1 (51)	--	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	2.1	1.3	3.3 (45)	--	4.0
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	4.4	6.4	4.7	--	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	16.0	24.5	15.8	--	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	*	2.9	2.6	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			*		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	16.1	37.0	58.5	⇧	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	6.9	0.0	4.7	--	32.0

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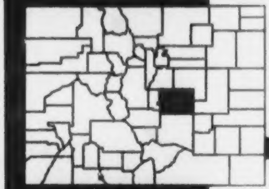

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Did you know?

An increasing number of school aged children are living in El Paso County, as more than 15,000 additional students have enrolled since 1991. During that same time period, the county's out of home placement rate has nearly doubled, and there has been a slight increase in moms receiving early prenatal care.

COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

1997 population	**478,918**
1997 population under 18	**140,543**
Under 1	**9,015**
1–4	**36,935**
5–9	**40,708**
10–14	**34,731**
15–19	**34,458**
1996 # of live births	**7,695**

FAMILY ECONOMICS

Median family income	**$33,932**
Median income of married couple family	**$37,438**
Median income of female headed family	**$15,499**
# of children living in poverty	**15,030**
% of children living in poverty	**14.1%**

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1998 KidsCount! in El Paso County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	74.6	76.3	60.0 (40)	⇩	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	20.2	18.8 (28)	⇩	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	7.4	12.7	13.4 (35)	⇧	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	19.9	20.8	23.4	⇧	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	58.3	63.1	66.9	⇧	71.6
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	81.3	83.4	83.7 (24)	⇧	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	9.4	8.6	8.5	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	9.6	7.1	7.0	⇩	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	102.9	69.7	72.1	⇩	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	757	593	⇩	5,112
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			21,931		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			11,160		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	74,130	82,335	86,396	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	4,094	5,658	5,700	⇧	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	616	1,352	1,820	⇧	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	79.8	75.7	73.0 (54)	⇩	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	2.8	4.8	3.9 (51)	--	4.0
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	11.4	11.8	11.7	--	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	60.3	56.0	55.8	⇩	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	6.1	5.4	6.3	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			11.8		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	147.8	195.0	203.2	⇧	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	41.2	77.0	38.3	--	32.0

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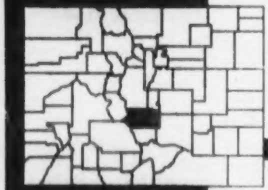

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1997 population	**41,399**
1997 population under 18	**9,808**
Under 1	493
1–4	1,947
5–9	2,675
10–14	2,898
15–19	2,888
1996 # of live births	451

FAMILY ECONOMICS	
Median family income	$24,350
Median income of married couple family	$26,684
Median income of female headed family	$12,787
# of children living in poverty	1,356
% of children living in poverty	18.9%

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Did you know?

More than 3 in 10 babies born in Fremont County are born to single mothers. Almost 2 in 10 births are to mothers in their teens. 1996 child abuse and neglect incidents for the county are much improved over 1994.

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1998 KidsCount! in Fremont County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	127.4	121.5	94.4 (51)	⇩	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	26.1	24.3 (38)	⇩	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	21.3	18.1	17.3 (46)	⇩	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	28.5	33.8	31.7	--	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	62.0	72.4	70.4	--	71.6
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	79.8	79.3	80.8 (32)	--	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	9.3	9.6	10.6	⇧	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	9.0	*	8.9	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	111.2	80.4	68.2	⇩	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	72	40	⇩	5,112
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			1,132		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			419		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	5,347	6,092	6,391	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	196	232	240	⇧	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	59	149	168	⇧	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	78.0	75.1	78.8 (45)	--	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	3.4	4.3	2.8 (37)	--	4.0
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	15.0	18.8	18.0	--	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	51.3	64.5	67.8	⇧	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	9.0	13.2	10.2	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			25.4		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	132.3	136.0	148.2	⇧	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	64.0	13.0	16.7	⇩	32.0

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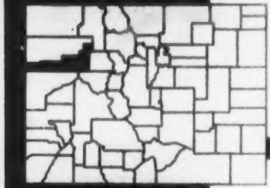

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

1997 population	37,932
1997 population under 18	10,985
Under 1	568
1–4	2,283
5–9	3,053
10–14	3,253
15–19	2,814
1996 # of live births	619

FAMILY ECONOMICS

Median family income	$32,377
Median income of married couple family	$35,312
Median income of female headed family	$16,196
# of children living in poverty	853
% of children living in poverty	10.5%

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Did you know?

Nearly 25% of pregnant women in Garfield County did not receive prenatal care early in their pregnancies in 1996, well below the state average.

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1998 KidsCount! in Garfield County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	42.7	46.5	33.2 (27)	--	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	14.5	13.5 (19)	⇩	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	10.3	14.5	14.7 (41)	⇧	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	15.4	17.7	17.8	⇧	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	49.0	53.7	47.8	--	71.6
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	70.6	73.8	74.1 (49)	⇧	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	5.0	6.7	6.3	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	6.3	12.5	9.7	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	34.6	71.5	90.9	⇧	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	68	48	⇩	5,112
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			1,890		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			770		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	6,866	8,055	8,640	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	253	260	276	⇧	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	38	77	52	--	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	82.1	84.6	81.9 (39)	--	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	2.8	2.9	2.4 (28)	--	4.0
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	10.6	13.9	11.1	--	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	53.5	61.7	56.7	--	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	4.6	6.4	5.8	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			16.6		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	56.4	36.0	82.5	--	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	5.7	2.0	2.1	⇩	32.0

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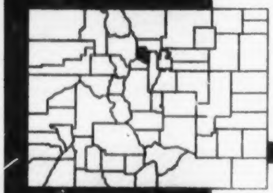

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

1997 population	3,906
1997 population under 18	971
Under 1	49
1–4	200
5–9	257
10–14	280
15–19	277
1996 # of live births	44

FAMILY ECONOMICS

Median family income	$36,218
Median income of married couple family	$39,840
Median income of female headed family	$16,346
# of children living in poverty	82
% of children living in poverty	11.7%

*1990 Census data

Did you know?

An increasing number of pregnant women in Gilpin County are seeking prenatal care early in their pregnancies, and the county has almost reached the Decade of the Child goal of 90%.

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1998 KidsCount! in Gilpin County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	29.3	19.9	21.9 (15)	--	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	8.6	9.7 (13)	⇧	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	16.3	29.3	12.9 (32)	--	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	9.7	32.6	25.0	--	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	*	*	*	--	71.6

CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	75.9	80.5	88.4 (13)	⇧	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	12.9	9.3	*	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	*	*	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	0	5	⇧	5,112

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			131		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			18		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	351	349	373	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	0	0	0	--	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	1	2	0	--	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	84.0	100.0	88.9 (20)	--	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	1.1	0.0	6.7 (61)	--	4.0

SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	*	7.0	*	--	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	*	31.7	*	--	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	*	7.3	*	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			*		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	35.6	34.0	41.3	--	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	0.0	27.5	⇧	32.0

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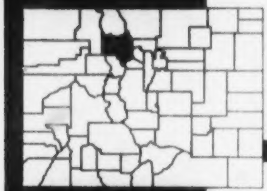

Grand County 1998 KidsCount! Report Card

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

1997 population	9,812
1997 population under 18	2,320
Under 1	137
1–4	464
5–9	623
10–14	669
15–19	672
1996 # of live births	132

FAMILY ECONOMICS

Median family income	$34,072
Median income of married couple family	$35,581
Median income of female headed family	$18,309
# of children living in poverty	147
% of children living in poverty	7.4%

*1990 Census data

Did you know?

In 1996, nearly 13% of Grand County's babies were born at a low birth weight — more than double the Decade of the Child goal of 5%.

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1998 KidsCount! in Grand County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	9.6	15.5	14.2 (9)	⇧	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	11.3	9.0 (11)	⇩	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	8.4	16.1	8.4 (15)	--	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	12.8	16.4	15.2	--	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	100.0	66.7	50.0	⇩	71.6
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	82.8	82.6	83.7 (24)	--	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	9.6	11.5	12.9	⇧	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	*	*	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	9	1	⇩	5,112
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			394		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			266		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	1,595	1,632	1,847	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	0	0	0	--	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	15	44	78	⇧	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	86.7	79.4	80.7 (43)	⇩	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	3.5	2.0	2.0 (24)	⇩	4.0
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	5.3	12.3	6.1	--	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	21.0	54.3	29.5	--	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	4.3	4.2	4.5	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			*		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	25.8	24.0	7.1	⇩	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	21.0	0.0	--	32.0

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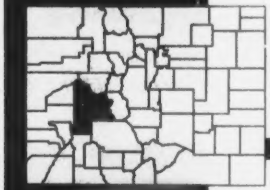

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

1997 population	**12,338**
1997 population under 18	**2,790**
Under 1	**134**
1–4	**551**
5–9	**823**
10–14	**819**
15–19	**1,368**
1996 # of live births	**119**

FAMILY ECONOMICS

Median family income	**$29,533**
Median income of married couple family	**$32,117**
Median income of female headed family	**$13,657**
# of children living in poverty	**234**
% of children living in poverty	**11.7%**

*1990 Census data

Did you know?

Almost 93% of Gunnison County's pregnant women are receiving early prenatal care, meeting the Decade of the Child goal. The percent of high school students in Gunnison County graduating in four years has dropped by 5 percentage points since 1991.

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1998 KidsCount! in Gunnison County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	23.9	24.0	18.1 (13)	⇩	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	6.6	6.6 (8)	--	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	7.7	8.5	12.2 (29)	⇧	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	9.6	13.5	15.1	⇧	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	*	45.5	50.0	--	71.6

CHILD HEALTH	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	92.6	92.7	92.4 (7)	--	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	6.4	4.5	9.2	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	*	*	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	18	19	--	5,112

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children needing child care (# 1990)			557		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			310		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	1,497	1,676	1,645	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	0	0	74	⇧	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	17	38	70	⇧	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	87.1	84.8	82.0 (37)	⇩	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	1.7	3.8	2.5 (31)	--	4.0

SIGNS OF TROUBLE	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Births to teens (% of all births)	3.2	9.9	5.0	--	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	7.3	18.8	10.5	--	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	2.4	4.5	*	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			*		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	85.5	20.0	45.4	--	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	32.0

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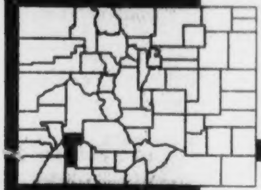

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

1997 population	**712**
1997 population under 18	**163**
Under 1	**8**
1–4	**33**
5–9	**42**
10–14	**45**
15–19	**48**
1996 # of live births	**7**

FAMILY ECONOMICS

Median family income	**$30,125**
Median income of married couple family	**$30,750**
Median income of female headed family	**$5,000**
# of children living in poverty	**12**
% of children living in poverty	**13.8%**

*1990 Census data

Did you know?

Of the women who were pregnant in Hinsdale County in 1996, all received prenatal care early in their pregnancies. Of the 60 students attending school in Hinsdale County in 1996, 30% were home schooled.

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1998 KidsCount! in Hinsdale County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	34.5	22.0	0.0 (1)	⇩	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	7.9	8.1 (10)	--	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	25.3	8.5	12.2 (29)	⇩	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	*	*	42.9	--	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	*	*	*	--	71.6
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	*	83.3	100.0(1)	--	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	*	*	*	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	*	*	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	0	0	--	5,112
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			22		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			12		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	44	38	37	⇩	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	0	8	5	--	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	13	10	18	--	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	87.1	84.8	82.0 (37)	⇩	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	0.0	3.8	2.5 (31)	--	4.0
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	*	*	*	--	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	*	*	*	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			*		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	0.0	0.0	14.5	⇧	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	32.0

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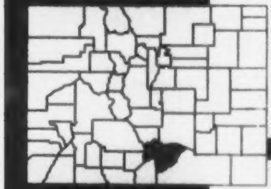

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1997 population	**7,413**
1997 population under 18	**1,854**
Under 1	**81**
1–4	**338**
5–9	**516**
10–14	**598**
15–19	**515**
1996 # of live births	**58**

FAMILY ECONOMICS	
Median family income	**$18,955**
Median income of married couple family	**$20,427**
Median income of female headed family	**$9,537**
# of children living in poverty	**549**
% of children living in poverty	**35.9%**

*1990 Census data

Did you know?

Huerfano County's graduation rate is on the rise and one of the state's best at over 95%. While the AFDC rate for the county has declined since 1991, it is one of the highest rates in Colorado.

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1998 KidsCount! in Huerfano County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	200.8	175.3	137.8 (57)	⇩	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	48.3	47.0 (57)	--	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	11.8	28.3	25.6 (61)	⇧	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	34.0	37.0	48.3	⇧	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	63.6	50.0	92.9	--	71.6

CHILD HEALTH	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	70.0	81.1	67.2 (58)	--	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	*	11.1	*	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	*	*	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	8	9	--	5,112

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children needing child care (# 1990)			277		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			69		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	1,032	1,139	1,228	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	138	91	76	⇩	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	2	17	21	⇧	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	86.1	86.9	95.4 (4)	⇧	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	2.3	0.8	2.2 (25)	--	4.0

SIGNS OF TROUBLE	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Births to teens (% of all births)	22.0	18.5	24.1	--	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	63.2	41.8	58.6	--	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	10.0	7.4	12.1	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			*		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	112.0	87.0	159.9	--	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	50.0	36.1	--	32.0

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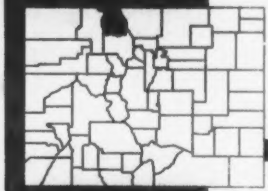

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

1997 population	**1,744**
1997 population under 18	**403**
Under 1	**16**
1–4	**68**
5–9	**129**
10–14	**124**
15–19	**118**
1996 # of live births	**7**

FAMILY ECONOMICS

Median family income	**$23,239**
Median income of married couple family	**$24,716**
Median income of female headed family	**$8,080**
# of children living in poverty	**42**
% of children living in poverty	**10.1%**

*1990 Census data

Did you know?

The AFDC rate in Jackson County has doubled since 1991, while the statewide rate has declined. Jackson County's high school graduation and dropout rates remain among the best in Colorado.

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1998 KidsCount! in Jackson County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	21.6	36.5	43.5 (34)	⇧	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	29.8	22.8 (33)	⇩	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	12.0	5.0	13.5 (36)	--	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	*	15.0	42.9	⇧	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	*	*	*	--	71.6

CHILD HEALTH	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	56.5	60.0	100.0 (1)	⇧	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	13.0	*	*	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	*	*	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	0	0	--	5,112

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children needing child care (# 1990)			68		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			18		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	306	325	316	--	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	0	0	0	--	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	3	7	10	⇧	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	94.1	100.0	96.0 (3)	--	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0 (1)	--	4.0

SIGNS OF TROUBLE	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Births to teens (% of all births)	*	*	*	--	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	*	*	*	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			*		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	0.0	n/a	12.3	--	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	n/a	122.7	--	32.0

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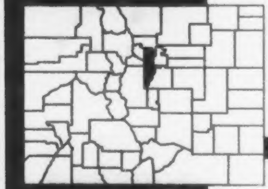

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

1997 population	500,611
1997 population under 18	126,972
Under 1	6,263
1–4	26,372
5–9	35,893
10–14	37,145
15–19	34,983
1996 # of live births	6,333

FAMILY ECONOMICS

Median family income	$44,679
Median income of married couple family	$48,294
Median income of female headed family	$24,167
# of children living in poverty	8,103
% of children living in poverty	7.1%

*1990 Census data

Did you know?

Since 1991, the rate of low birth weight births in Jefferson County has been on the rise. At the same time, however, a greater percentage of Jefferson County's moms have been receiving prenatal care, and are quickly closing in on the Decade of the Child goal of 90%.

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1998 KidsCount! in Jefferson County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	35.0	33.0	27.5 (22)	⇩	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	9.7	9.8 (14)	--	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	5.2	7.3	6.4 (13)	--	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	15.6	15.9	16.9	⇧	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	67.7	74.0	73.5	⇧	71.6
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	86.9	89.4	89.6 (11)	⇧	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	7.1	7.5	8.2	⇧	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	7.4	5.9	5.7	⇩	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	64.0	59.0	53.8	⇩	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	563	535	⇩	5,112
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			25,561		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			19,264		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	79,244	84,018	86,670	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	6,233	7,111	7,630	⇧	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	386	672	817	⇧	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	85.0	82.9	82.1 (36)	⇩	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	3.3	3.9	4.1 (52)	⇧	4.0
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	6.7	7.6	7.0	--	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	32.2	36.6	32.4	--	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	4.3	4.6	4.6	⇧	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			14.4		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	103.3	114.0	132.8	⇧	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	42.2	30.0	28.6	⇩	32.0

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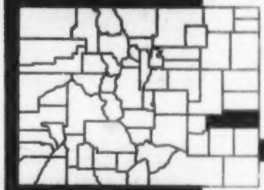

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

1997 population	1,757
1997 population under 18	449
Under 1	18
1–4	72
5–9	110
10–14	156
15–19	150
1996 # of live births	13

FAMILY ECONOMICS

Median family income	$26,779
Median income of married couple family	$28,438
Median income of female headed family	$13,750
# of children living in poverty	52
% of children living in poverty	10.7%

*1990 Census data

Did you know?

Kiowa County's high school graduation rate is on the decline, and is now below the Decade of the Child goal of 90%. At the same time, the county reached the Decade of the Child goal for early prenatal care in 1996 with 100% of pregnant women receiving early care.

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1998 KidsCount! in Kiowa County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	29.1	12.7	30.[illegible] (25)	--	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	24.7	31.1 (47)	⇧	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	9.9	8.5	17.9 (48)	⇧	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	22.2	14.3	30.8	--	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	*	*	*	--	71.6

CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	50.0	66.7	100.0 (1)	⇧	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	*	*	23.1	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	*	*	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	3	5	⇧	5,112

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			64		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			12		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	419	392	379	⇩	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	0	0	0	--	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	0	2	7	⇧	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	100.0	91.7	83.9 (30)	⇩	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	0.5	2.6	1.4 (19)	--	4.0

SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	*	*	*	--	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	*	*	*	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			*		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	32.0

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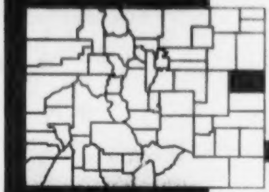

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1997 population	7,371
1997 population under 18	2,040
Under 1	91
1–4	371
5–9	604
10–14	629
15–19	548
1996 # of live births	76

FAMILY ECONOMICS	
Median family income	$27,648
Median income of married couple family	$29,163
Median income of female headed family	$12,157
# of children living in poverty	373
% of children living in poverty	17.8%

*1990 Census data

Did you know?

11.6% of Kit Carson County's babies were considered "three risk factor births" in 1996, meaning that their mothers were single, under the age of 25, and had not graduated from high school.

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1998 KidsCount! in Kit Carson County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	46.2	48.8	25.2 (18)	⇩	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	24.7	21.4 (32)	⇩	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	9.8	8.6	8.7 (17)	⇩	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	8.7	8.1	26.3	⇧	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	46.7	50.0	78.6	⇧	71.6
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	78.9	82.6	81.3 (31)	--	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	5.8	*	10.7	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	146.6	*	339.5	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	11	1	⇩	5,112
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			379		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			177		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	1,636	1,658	1,714	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	8	0	0	⇩	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	19	35	46	⇧	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	92.7	90.4	87.4 (22)	⇩	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	0.4	1.3	0.8 (11)	--	4.0
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	14.4	7.0	18.4	--	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	64.7	23.0	56.2	--	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	3.8	*	11.8	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			*		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	26.4	34.0	17.1	--	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	21.0	30.2	⇧	32.0

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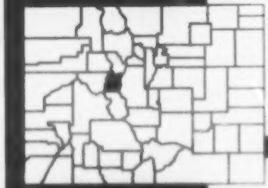

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

1997 population	8,127
1997 population under 18	2,331
Under 1	116
1–4	495
5–9	665
10–14	666
15–19	597
1996 # of live births	114

FAMILY ECONOMICS

Median family income	**$28,950**
Median income of married couple family	$29,750
Median income of female headed family	$20,156
# of children living in poverty	285
% of children living in poverty	16.4%

*1990 Census data

Did you know?

Nearly 25% of the babies born in Lake County in 1996 were born to teen mothers. The county also was among the state's worst in terms of early prenatal care and low birth weight births in 1996.

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1998 KidsCount! in Lake County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	17.7	15.3	24.0 (16)	⇧	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	21.0	27.1 (42)	⇧	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	25.6	28.2	18.8 (52)	--	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	22.8	26.8	37.7	⇧	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	46.2	64.3	69.2	⇧	71.6

CHILD HEALTH	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	54.9	63.5	64.3 (61)	⇧	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	15.8	13.4	19.3	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	116.1	*	*	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	7	8	--	5,112

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children needing child care (# 1990)			378		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			235		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	1,157	1,176	1,338	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	0	0	0	--	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	3	27	17	--	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	72.7	72.0	59.5 (62)	⇩	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	5.3	6.6	2.5 (31)	--	4.0

SIGNS OF TROUBLE	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Births to teens (% of all births)	11.4	14.4	22.8	⇧	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	67.7	66.4	94.9	⇧	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	7.5	6.2	16.7	⇧	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			*		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	8.4	13.0	15.1	⇧	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	32.0

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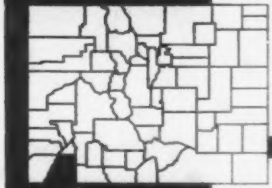

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1997 population	**41,065**
1997 population under 18	**10,513**
Under 1	510
1–4	2,025
5–9	2,891
10–14	3,230
15–19	3,745
1996 # of live births	464

FAMILY ECONOMICS	
Median family income	$30,788
Median income of married couple family	$33,998
Median income of female headed family	$14,020
# of children living in poverty	1,350
% of children living in poverty	16.5%

*1990 Census data

Did you know?

Since 1991, the percent of pregnant women in La Plata County receiving early prenatal care has increased, and is nearing the Decade of the Child goal of 90%. The number of confirmed cases of child abuse or neglect in the county has risen to almost one confirmed incident every four days.

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1998 KidsCount! in La Plata County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	46.4	40.9	26.8 (20)	⇩	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	19.7	16.5 (25)	⇩	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	6.7	7.0	9.1 (20)	⇧	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	23.8	22.6	23.5	--	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	54.7	67.4	69.2	⇧	71.6
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	77.3	83.1	88.1 (14)	⇧	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	8.7	7.8	6.7	⇩	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	7.3	6.7	8.6	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	82.6	50.3	63.4	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	52	83	⇧	5,112
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			1,700		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			839		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	6,018	6,590	6,900	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	370	440	472	⇧	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	12	91	85	⇧	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	73.2	67.0	74.6 (50)	--	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	4.2	4.2	2.9 (38)	⇩	4.0
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	12.9	9.6	8.4	⇩	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	35.4	24.7	23.0	⇩	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	6.1	4.1	4.7	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			9.9		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	118.1	109.0	81.1	⇩	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	5.5	29.0	19.6	--	32.0

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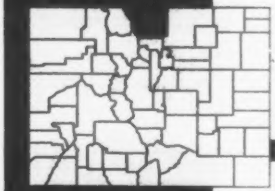

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1997 population	**225,045**
1997 population under 18	**55,921**
Under 1	2,938
1–4	11,718
5–9	15,569
10–14	16,119
15–19	19,154
1996 # of live births	2,761

FAMILY ECONOMICS	
Median family income	**$36,931**
Median income of married couple family	$40,300
Median income of female headed family	$17,606
# of children living in poverty	4,819
% of children living in poverty	10.4%

*1990 Census data

Did you know?

Almost 2 in 10 babies born in Larimer County are born to single moms. 25% of pregnant women in the county are not receiving prenatal care early in their pregnancies.

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1998 KidsCount! in Larimer County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	56.1	55.9	41.8 (33)	⇩	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	15.1	14.1 (23)	⇩	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	6.9	10.1	10.9 (26)	⇧	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	19.2	18.9	19.9	--	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	70.1	68.6	73.0	--	71.6
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	75.5	76.4	75.7 (47)	--	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	7.5	7.1	7.7	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	8.4	7.2	7.2	⇩	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	90.8	67.9	69.2	⇩	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	175	214	⇧	5,112
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			9,247		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			6,198		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	32,902	35,719	37,058	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	1,755	2,401	2,735	⇧	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	304	550	564	⇧	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	80.7	81.7	78.5 (46)	--	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	3.4	3.9	3.6 (48)	--	4.0
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	9.7	8.6	8.7	⇩	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	34.0	26.9	27.7	⇩	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	6.4	5.8	5.3	⇩	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			14.2		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	89.5	108.0	143.7	⇧	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	29.1	27.0	35.2	--	32.0

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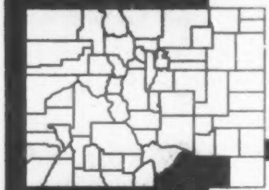

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1997 population	**15,685**
1997 population under 18	**4,013**
Under 1	170
1–4	775
5–9	1,205
10–14	1,193
15–19	1,212
1996 # of live births	135

FAMILY ECONOMICS	
Median family income	$20,844
Median income of married couple family	$23,826
Median income of female headed family	$11,042
# of children living in poverty	1,144
% of children living in poverty	33.4%

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Did you know?

More than 20% of babies born in Las Animas County in 1996 were born to teen mothers.

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1998 KidsCount! in Las Animas County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	197.0	197.0	140.6 (58)	⇩	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	48.4	49.2 (59)	--	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	10.2	14.8	18.0 (50)	⇧	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	33.3	36.1	32.6	--	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	64.9	61.4	51.7	⇩	71.6

CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	73.3	71.2	71.1 (53)	--	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	4.6	7.3	9.6	⇧	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	15.4	*	*	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	113.7	98.2	*	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	17	16	--	5,112

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			449		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			136		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	2,320	2,481	2,466	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	128	221	231	⇧	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	20	28	40	⇧	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	89.7	92.2	81.4 (40)	--	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	0.8	1.6	4.3 (55)	⇧	4.0

SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	19.0	23.0	21.5	--	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	69.5	75.0	50.5	--	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	8.2	6.8	10.4	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			*		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	65.6	107.0	127.4	⇧	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	30.7	105.0	73.9	--	32.0

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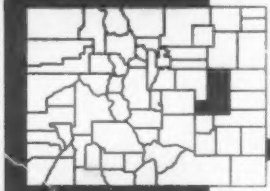

Lincoln County 1998 KidsCount! Report Card

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Did you know?

In 1996, about 33 of every 1,000 children living in Lincoln County were not living with their families but were instead placed in foster care, shelters, or group homes.

COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

1997 population	6,531
1997 population under 18	1,681
Under 1	78
1–4	267
5–9	487
10–14	573
15–19	419
1996 # of live births	60

FAMILY ECONOMICS

Median family income	$24,173
Median income of married couple family	$25,909
Median income of female headed family	$13,583
# of children living in poverty	286
% of children living in poverty	24.8%

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1998 KidsCount! in Lincoln County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	34.4	21.7	32.7 (26)	--	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	24.1	24.5 (39)	--	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	19.8	28.7	33.1 (63)	⇧	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	19.0	20.3	18.3	--	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	71.4	71.4	42.9	⇩	71.6
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	84.2	79.7	77.6 (42)	⇩	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	8.6	13.6	8.3	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	*	*	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	12	12	--	5,112
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			283		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			256		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	845	940	996	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	0	0	0	--	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	6	20	36	⇧	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	94.1	90.2	90.9 (14)	--	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	1.2	0.5	1.3 (18)	--	4.0
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	12.1	11.9	11.7	--	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	51.1	39.3	37.4	⇩	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	*	5.1	5.0	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			*		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	17.5	13.0	7.7	⇩	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	32.0

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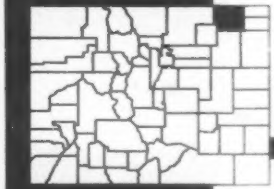

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

1997 population	**18,782**
1997 population under 18	**4,985**
Under 1	**248**
1–4	**1,073**
5–9	**1,385**
10–14	**1,472**
15–19	**1,480**
1996 # of live births	**222**

FAMILY ECONOMICS

Median family income	**$26,436**
Median income of married couple family	**$29,274**
Median income of female headed family	**$10,761**
# of children living in poverty	**845**
% of children living in poverty	**18.5%**

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Did you know?

More than 93% of Logan County's high school students graduate in four years, one of the better rates among Colorado counties. However, almost 1/3 of the county's pregnant women don't receive prenatal care early in their pregnancies.

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FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	'96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	80.0	96.6	60.8 (41)	--	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	28.6	25.9 (41)	⇩	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	9.9	9.4	10.7 (25)	--	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	23.4	31.0	31.1	⇧	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	60.0	77.3	76.9	⇧	71.6
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	74.2	75.2	67.1 (59)	⇩	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	3.7	6.9	4.5	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	18.3	12.2	*	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	84.0	134.1	*	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	20	26	⇧	5,112
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			839		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			483		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	3,274	3,372	3,472	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	134	124	114	⇩	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	11	28	29	⇧	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	94.1	92.8	93.1 (10)	--	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	2.0	1.3	3.1 (43)	--	4.0
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	18.3	18.0	17.6	--	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	51.0	49.9	47.2	⇩	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	11.5	9.5	10.8	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			*		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	122.9	92.0	83.8	⇩	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	23.6	32.0	13.2	--	32.0

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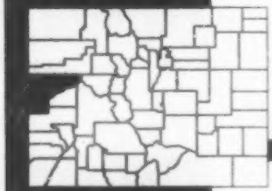

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

1997 population	**109,706**
1997 population under 18	**29,701**
Under 1	1,434
1–4	5,956
5–9	8,088
10–14	8,830
15–19	8,974
1996 # of live births	1,367

FAMILY ECONOMICS

Median family income	$27,637
Median income of married couple family	$31,183
Median income of female headed family	$12,577
# of children living in poverty	4,913
% of children living in poverty	20.1%

*1990 Census data

Did you know?

1996 high school graduation and dropout rates for Mesa County's students have worsened since 1991 and are among the most dismal in the state.

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1998 KidsCount! in Mesa County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	117.5	102.6	79.7 (47)	⇩	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	26.1	35.1 (49)	⇧	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	12.9	17.9	20.0 (54)	⇧	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	22.9	26.5	27.0	⇧	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	56.9	71.4	66.5	--	71.6
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	75.9	81.6	85.7 (20)	⇧	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	6.0	6.3	7.5	⇧	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	9.6	5.4	11.7	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	93.9	70.4	95.0	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	237	229	⇩	5,112
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			4,510		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			2,480		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	18,106	19,103	19,782	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	981	1,152	1,056	--	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	64	192	248	⇧	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	71.1	68.4	69.4 (57)	--	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	6.2	6.3	7.6 (62)	⇧	4.0
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	16.3	16.6	17.0	--	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	57.5	54.5	56.6	--	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	10.3	10.4	10.0	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			25.7		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	103.6	100.0	128.7	⇧	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	21.0	21.0	33.6	⇧	32.0

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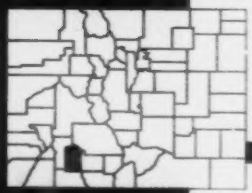

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

1997 population	**675**
1997 population under 18	**178**
Under 1	8
1–4	38
5–9	55
10–14	55
15–19	36
1996 # of live births	**9**

FAMILY ECONOMICS

Median family income	**$22,232**
Median income of married couple family	**$22,687**
Median income of female headed family	**$7,743**
# of children living in poverty	**19**
% of children living in poverty	**15.2%**

*1990 Census data

Did you know?

According to the 1990 Census, married-couple families with children under the age of 18 in Mineral County made three times the income of single mother households.

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1998 KidsCount! in Mineral County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	23.8	53.3	37.7 (30)	--	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	18.1	13.3 (18)	⇩	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	0.0	6.0	5.6 (8)	--	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	•	•	•	--	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	•	•	•	--	71.6
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	66.7	100.0	66.7 (60)	--	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	•	•	•	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	•	•	•	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	•	•	•	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	1	0	--	5,112
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			32		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			12		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	92	116	150	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	0	0	0	--	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	1	1	0	--	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	100.0	100.0	70.0 (56)	⇩	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	2.0	8.2	0.0 (1)	--	4.0
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	•	•	•	--	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	•	•	•	--	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	•	•	•	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			•	--	13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	32.0

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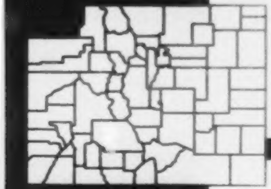

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1997 population	12,255
1997 population under 18	3,631
Under 1	157
1–4	605
5–9	975
10–14	1,162
15–19	1,140
1996 # of live births	144

FAMILY ECONOMICS	
Median family income	$35,577
Median income of married couple family	$38,621
Median income of female headed family	$10,104
# of children living in poverty	464
% of children living in poverty	12.9%

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Did you know?

Confirmed incidents of child abuse or neglect in Moffat County were fewer in 1996 than in 1994, but still equal to about 1 incident every 5 days.

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1998 KidsCount! in Moffat County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	49.2	53.9	50.9 (35)	--	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	12.5	13.9 (21)	⇧	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	21.6	10.3	14.8 (42)	--	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	29.2	24.4	27.8	--	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	63.6	83.3	50.0	--	71.6
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	77.1	78.0	78.6 (39)	--	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	8.8	7.1	8.3	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	133.1	77.5	111.9	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	78	65	⇩	5,112
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			654		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			168		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	2,675	2,847	2,830	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	0	0	0	--	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	24	65	92	⇧	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	81.9	87.0	86.5 (25)	⇧	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	2.8	2.0	2.9 (38)	--	4.0
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	12.9	14.2	19.4	⇧	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	54.2	35.9	54.3	--	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	9.9	7.9	9.0	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			*		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	154.1	170.0	148.8	--	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	6.0	28.0	27.2	⇧	32.0

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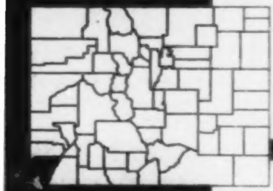

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

1997 population	22,901
1997 population under 18	6,869
Under 1	335
1–4	1,424
5–9	1,910
10–14	1,965
15–19	1,950
1996 # of live births	341

FAMILY ECONOMICS

Median family income	$25,825
Median income of married couple family	$28,548
Median income of female headed family	$11,488
# of children living in poverty	1,505
% of children living in poverty	26.5%

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Did you know?

Over one-third of pregnant women in Montezuma County in 1996 did not receive prenatal care early in their pregnancies, one of the worst rates in the state.

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FAMILIES IN NEED	'91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	95.2	64.9	64.4 (42)	⇩	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	30.3	32.4 (48)	⇧	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	8.6	12.5	15.4 (43)	⇧	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	32.9	35.9	34.6	--	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	75.0	68.5	63.6	⇩	71.6

CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	65.2	66.9	63.4 (62)	--	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	7.9	7.1	6.7	⇩	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	8.8	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	85.8	61.3	64.7	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	37	25	⇩	5,112

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			970		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			401		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	4,342	4,614	4,763	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	15	68	47	--	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	42	40	66	⇧	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	73.4	68.9	65.3 (60)	⇩	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	3.3	5.4	4.4 (56)	--	4.0

SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	15.8	16.7	16.1	--	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	67.5	63.0	64.8	--	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	12.8	9.8	10.3	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			*		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	56.9	42.0	33.1	⇩	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	3.0	6.9	⇧	32.0

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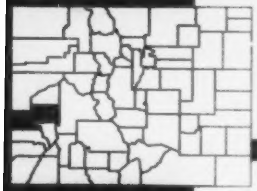

Montrose County 1998 KidsCount! Report Card

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

1997 population	30,890
1997 population under 18	8,486
Under 1	446
1–4	1,809
5–9	2,142
10–14	2,513
15–19	2,507
1996 # of live births	479

FAMILY ECONOMICS

Median family income	$26,804
Median income of married couple family	$29,392
Median income of female headed family	$12,287
# of children living in poverty	1,226
% of children living in poverty	18.6%

*1990 Census data

Did you know?

Montrose County's high school graduation rate has slipped by nearly eight percentage points since 1991, and is now 23 percentage points away from the Decade of the Child goal of 90%.

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1998 KidsCount! in Montrose County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	60.0	48.7	50.9 (35)	--	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	23.3	25.0 (40)	⇧	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	19.6	19.4	21.7 (56)	⇧	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	21.0	24.5	26.7	⇧	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	49.2	45.9	58.2	⇧	71.6

CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	61.0	66.5	69.1 (56)	⇧	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	6.8	7.6	8.4	⇧	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	12.9	*	6.3	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	116.1	52.0	93.3	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	34	89	⇧	5,112

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			1,121		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			489		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	5,046	5,692	5,907	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	183	201	185	--	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	101	147	205	⇧	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	75.1	71.2	67.2 (58)	⇩	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	3.4	5.3	5.5 (59)	⇧	4.0

SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	20.4	17.6	14.0	⇩	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	76.5	71.7	61.4	⇩	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	9.7	7.7	9.8	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			*		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	63.4	67.0	102.9	⇧	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	9.4	14.0	8.0	--	32.0

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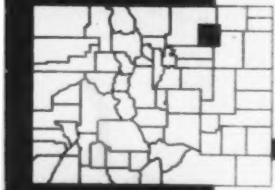

Morgan County 1998 KidsCount! Report Card

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1997 population	26,279
1997 population under 18	8,007
Under 1	444
1–4	1,867
5–9	2,239
10–14	2,265
15–19	1,825
1996 # of live births	485

FAMILY ECONOMICS	
Median family income	$27,463
Median income of married couple family	$30,195
Median income of female headed family	$12,072
# of children living in poverty	1,331
% of children living in poverty	20.5%

*1990 Census data

Did you know?

In 1996, Morgan County had the equivalent of one confirmed incident of child abuse or neglect about every three and a half days. Out of home placements and births to single teens in the county are higher in 1996 than in 1991.

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1998 KidsCount! in Morgan County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	93.2	71.3	65.2 (43)	⇩	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	34.1	35.8 (50)	⇧	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	12.0	14.9	20.0 (54)	⇧	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	21.2	24.1	33.2	⇧	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	43.8	58.2	75.9	⇧	71.6

CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	63.3	68.1	72.7 (50)	⇧	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	7.8	8.1	8.3	⇧	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	8.1	9.0	14.4	⇧	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	88.6	104.5	107.5	⇧	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	121	109	⇩	5,112

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			1,292		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			412		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	4,841	5,149	5,359	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	106	317	358	⇧	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	39	51	59	⇧	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	82.6	78.5	77.1 (48)	⇩	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	2.2	3.0	2.9 (38)	⇧	4.0

SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	17.2	20.5	17.1	--	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	84.3	108.2	95.5	--	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	10.0	11.8	16.5	⇧	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			16.3		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	107.6	75.0	166.8	--	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	10.4	21.0	8.9	--	32.0

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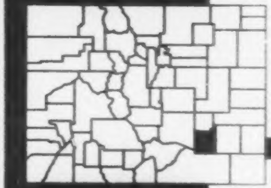

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

1997 population	21,404
1997 population under 18	6,065
Under 1	274
1–4	1,315
5–9	1,719
10–14	1,781
15–19	1,724
1996 # of live births	274

FAMILY ECONOMICS

Median family income	$22,239
Median income of married couple family	$25,625
Median income of female headed family	$8,501
# of children living in poverty	1,909
% of children living in poverty	33.3%

*1990 Census data

Did you know?

Otero County's children qualify for the free lunch program and receive Aid to Families with Dependent Children at one of the highest rates in Colorado, indicating a relatively high number of households with children living in poverty.

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1998 KidsCount! in Otero County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	182.6	157.1	136.5 (55)	⇩	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	46.3	42.9(55)	⇩	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	10.8	11.8	14.0 (38)	⇧	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	32.0	39.3	39.8	⇧	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	67.3	81.3	77.6	--	71.6

CHILD HEALT					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	75.3	69.1	80.3 (33)	--	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	5.7	8.9	8.4	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	52.2	48.0	118.2	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	103	54	⇩	5,112

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			870		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			605		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	4,429	4,511	4,427	--	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	63	60	96	⇧	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	17	45	52	⇧	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	80.7	87.0	84.5 (27)	--	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	2.1	2.0	1.8 (23)	⇩	4.0

SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	17.5	21.1	24.5	⇧	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	65.8	77.3	84.8	⇧	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	13.1	11.3	13.1	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			*		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	116.3	115.0	172.7	⇧	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	56.5	70.0	51.1	--	32.0

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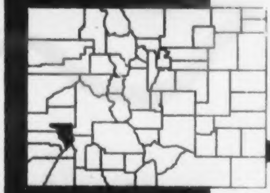

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Did you know?

Ouray County's high school graduation rate is better than the Decade of the Child goal and one of the top 10 in the state in 1996. However, the county remains shy of the goal for early prenatal care at 77%.

COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1997 population	3,340
1997 population under 18	807
Under 1	38
1–4	148
5–9	230
10–14	235
15–19	256
1996 # of live births	31

FAMILY ECONOMICS	
Median family income	$30,669
Median income of married couple family	$32,104
Median income of female headed family	$18,750
# of children living in poverty	72
% of children living in poverty	12.5%

*1990 Census data

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1998 KidsCount! in Ouray County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	8.2	14.4	14.7 (10)	⇧	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	9.6	5.3 (5)	⇩	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	3.3	3.1	4.4 (6)	⇧	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	19.2	17.6	16.1	⇩	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	*	*	*	--	71.6

CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	*	75.8	77.4 (43)	--	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	*	*	9.7	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	*	*	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	2	1	--	5,112

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			70		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			42		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	422	509	564	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	0	11	7	--	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	9	12	19	⇧	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	95.8	94.3	93.3 (9)	--	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	0.0	1.2	0.4 (5)	--	4.0

SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	*	*	*	--	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	*	*	*	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			*		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	0.0	0.0	17.6	⇧	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	32.0

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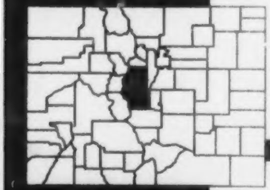

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

1997 population	12,050
1997 population under 18	3,188
Under 1	151
1–4	657
5–9	864
10–14	922
15–19	925
1996 # of live births	134

FAMILY ECONOMICS

Median family income	$35,491
Median income of married couple family	$36,683
Median income of female headed family	$10,100
# of children living in poverty	222
% of children living in poverty	11.8%

*1990 Census data

Did you know?

Park County's teen birth rate has declined 23% since 1991, and in 1996 was less than half the statewide rate. During the same time period, the county's AFDC rate for children under 18 more than doubled, while the statewide rate declined.

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1998 KidsCount! in Park County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	12.8	18.5	26.9 (21)	⇧	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	12.0	11.6 (15)	--	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	11.4	15.8	16.6 (45)	⇧	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	8.4	11.0	11.9	⇧	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	66.7	62.5	62.5	⇩	71.6
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	86.3	86.3	88.0 (15)	--	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	10.5	13.2	11.2	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	*	*	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	7	8	--	5,112
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			360		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			151		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	1,633	2,045	2,240	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	0	22	26	⇧	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	26	44	89	⇧	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	93.2	90.7	91.6 (13)	--	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	0.3	1.6	0.7 (9)	--	4.0
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	6.3	5.9	6.0	--	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	27.9	26.4	21.4	⇩	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	3.2	2.2	*	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			*		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	31.6	61.0	42.4	--	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	10.6	64.0	0.0	--	32.0

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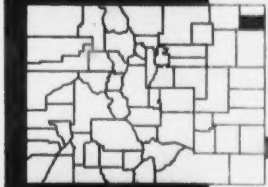

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

1997 population	4,564
1997 population under 18	1,177
Under 1	63
1–4	235
5–9	317
10–14	379
15–19	287
1996 # of live births	57

FAMILY ECONOMICS

Median family income	$26,051
Median income of married couple family	$27,444
Median income of female headed family	$12,750
# of children living in poverty	184
% of children living in poverty	17.0%

*1990 Census data

Did you know?

12.3% of Phillips County's babies were considered "three risk factor births" in 1996, meaning their mothers were single, under the age of 25, and had not graduated from high school. The county's high school graduation rate, while still one of the state's best, has declined by 5 percentage points since 1991.

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1998 KidsCount! in Phillips County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	32.6	37.7	15.8 (11)	--	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	23.6	18.1 (27)	⇩	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	2.6	16.2	13.1 (34)	⇧	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	8.5	18.5	21.1	⇧	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	*	66.7	100.0	--	71.6

CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	87.2	81.5	78.9 (38)	⇩	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	6.4	*	8.8	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	*	*	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	4	6	⇧	5,112

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			151		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			76		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	897	952	991	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	0	0	0	--	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	3	9	14	⇧	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	96.4	97.2	91.7(12)	⇩	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	0.2	1.5	0.4 (5)	--	4.0

SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	8.5	11.1	10.5	⇧	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	25.8	39.8	42.6	⇧	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	*	13.0	12.3	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			*		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	8.1	27.0	27.7	⇧	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	32.0

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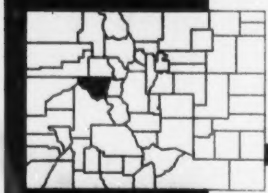

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1997 population	14,304
1997 population under 18	2,776
Under 1	148
1–4	611
5–9	817
10–14	811
15–19	583
1996 # of live births	141

FAMILY ECONOMICS	
Median family income	$52,976
Median income of married couple family	$57,846
Median income of female headed family	$31,250
# of children living in poverty	78
% of children living in poverty	3.7%

*1990 Census data

Did you know?

Pitkin County's high school graduation rate has declined since 1991, and is now below the Decade of the Child goal of 90%. At the same time, the county's teen birth rate has increased 74%, but remains lower than the 1996 rate for the state.

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1998 KidsCount! in Pitkin County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	5.8	2.8	1.7 (2)	⇩	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	0.0	0.0 (1)	--	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	3.2	2.5	3.2 (2)	--	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	16.8	15.3	14.2	⇩	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	75.0	77.8	50.0	--	71.6
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	73.7	84.6	84.3 (22)	⇧	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	10.3	10.3	13.6	⇧	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	135.6	*	*	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	5	5	--	5,112
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			562		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			646		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	1,080	1,197	1,245	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	200	228	165	--	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	0	2	0	--	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	94.5	95.7	86.6 (24)	⇩	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	1.5	1.7	1.4 (19)	--	4.0
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	2.6	5.7	5.7	⇧	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	19.5	36.2	34.0	⇧	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	3.2	4.8	2.1	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			*		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	41.6	23.0	56.3	--	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	11.0	10.4	⇧	32.0

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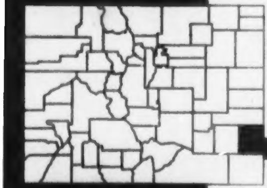

Prowers County 1998 KidsCount! Report Card

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

1997 population	**13,858**
1997 population under 18	**4,240**
Under 1	**192**
1–4	**907**
5–9	**1,157**
10–14	**1,297**
15–19	**1,240**
1996 # of live births	**207**

FAMILY ECONOMICS

Median family income	**$23,931**
Median income of married couple family	**$26,929**
Median income of female headed family	**$10,678**
# of children living in poverty	**1,127**
% of children living in poverty	**27.3%**

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Did you know?

Only 58.9% pregnant women in Prowers County received prenatal care early in their pregnancies in 1996 — the worst rate of Colorado's 63 counties.

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1998 KidsCount! in Prowers County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	126.1	117.4	93.6 (50)	⇩	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	39.4	39.2(52)	--	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	10.7	10.5	9.2 (21)	⇩	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	33.8	33.0	31.9	⇩	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	63.6	72.9	68.5	--	71.6
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	64.4	60.5	58.9 (63)	⇩	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	9.9	8.1	7.7	⇩	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	•	•	•	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	•	•	144.8	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	33	18	⇩	5,112
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			672		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			221		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	2,945	3,048	2,986	--	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	43	59	45	--	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	6	14	31	⇧	8,490
High school graduation rate (%	80.0	79.9	77.3 (47)	⇩	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	3.6	3.4	2.3 (26)	⇩	4.0
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	14.9	21.7	26.1	⇧	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	62.4	84.1	92.3	⇧	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	14.4	15.5	16.4	⇧	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			•		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	20.0	44.0	82.2	⇧	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	5.0	5.0	⇧	32.0

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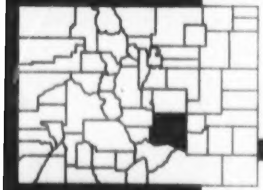

Pueblo County 1998 KidsCount! Report Card

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Did you know?

41% of Pueblo County's babies are born to single moms. The state average in 1996 was less than 25%.

COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

1997 population	132,132
1997 population under 18	33,676
Under 1	1,725
1–4	7,216
5–9	9,094
10–14	9,626
15–19	10,681
1996 # of live births	1,699

FAMILY ECONOMICS

Median family income	$25,784
Median income of married couple family	$29,741
Median income of female headed family	$11,016
# of children living in poverty	9,352
% of children living in poverty	29.3%

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1998 KidsCount! in Pueblo County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	214.1	208.5	167.8 (61)	⇩	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	37.9	35.9 (51)	⇩	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	15.7	19.6	24.0 (58)	⇧	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	37.6	41.4	41.4	⇧	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	71.9	79.3	81.2	⇧	71.6

CHILD HEALTH	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	77.1	82.8	83.1 (26)	⇧	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	7.1	9.4	9.3	⇧	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	7.8	8.5	8.8	⇧	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	63.6	99.6	65.9	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	232	131	⇩	5,112

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children needing child care (# 1990)			5,277		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			2,574		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	22,578	22,750	23,624	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	670	851	893	⇧	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	74	168	166	⇧	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	77.5	85.0	87.4 (22)	⇧	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	3.5	4.0	4.1 (52)	⇧	4.0

SIGNS OF TROUBLE	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Births to teens (% of all births)	20.2	20.3	20.4	--	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	75.5	71.7	70.6	⇩	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	13.9	13.9	14.6	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			12.6		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	321.0	223.0	322.2	--	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	269.5	122.0	112.2	⇩	32.0

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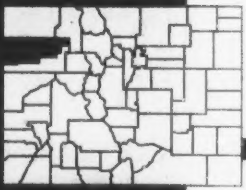

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1997 population	7,121
1997 population under 18	1,939
Under 1	84
1–4	316
5–9	538
10–14	590
15–19	682
1996 # of live births	68

FAMILY ECONOMICS	
Median family income	$34,122
Median income of married couple family	$36,141
Median income of female headed family	$14,375
# of children living in poverty	290
% of children living in poverty	16.5%

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Did you know?

In 1996, there were 46 confirmed incidents of child abuse or neglect in Rio Blanco County, up from 14 in 1994.

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1998 KidsCount! in Rio Blanco County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	35.0	37.1	38.0 (31)	⇧	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	12.1	14.5 (24)	⇧	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	16.6	18.5	17.4 (47)	--	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	11.7	14.5	16.2	⇧	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	50.0	61.5	50.0	--	71.6
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	75.0	72.6	90.9 (9)	⇧	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	*	4.8	10.3	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	145.1	*	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	14	46	⇧	5,112
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			283		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			78		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	1,479	1,617	1,623	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	0	0	0	--	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	8	33	23	--	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	92.2	84.3	83.2 (34)	⇩	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	1.7	2.7	2.4 (28)	--	4.0
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	7.8	21.0	8.8	--	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	22.3	38.2	17.3	--	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	3.9	4.8	*	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			*		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	18.8	46.0	46.3	⇧	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	11.0	10.8	⇧	32.0

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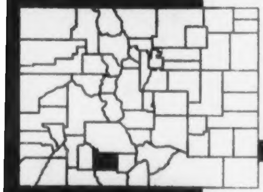

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

1997 population	11,962
1997 population under 18	3,518
Under 1	166
1–4	706
5–9	1,013
10–14	1,022
15–19	941
1996 # of live births	163

FAMILY ECONOMICS

Median family income	$21,370
Median income of married couple family	$24,245
Median income of female headed family	$11,525
# of children living in poverty	1,000
% of children living in poverty	31.8%

*1990 Census data

Did you know?

About 40% of Rio Grande County's public school students qualify for free lunch under the federally funded program. 34% of babies born in the county are born to single mothers, a large increase since 1991.

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1998 KidsCount! in Rio Grande County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	136.9	154.1	114.4 (52)	--	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	41.1	39.9 (53)	--	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	6.5	6.0	5.6 (8)	⇩	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	25.1	24.3	34.4	⇧	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	70.0	60.0	86.2	--	71.6
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	72.2	83.2	82.7 (27)	⇧	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	10.1	7.9	10.4	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	16.8	*	*	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	178.7	113.3	87.5	⇩	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	24	16	⇩	5,112
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			567		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			152		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	2,562	2,580	2,699	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	14	17	22	⇧	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	11	39	46	⇧	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	83.5	79.8	81.1(42)	--	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	1.1	2.2	2.5 (31)	⇧	4.0
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	16.8	19.7	17.8	--	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	69.6	69.8	64.4	--	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	10.6	8.2	16.0	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			*		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	71.0	83.0	124.0	⇧	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	19.7	44.0	31.3	--	32.0

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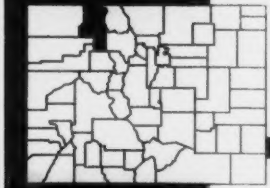

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1997 population	17,360
1997 population under 18	4,223
Under 1	217
1–4	790
5–9	1,187
10–14	1,277
15–19	1,253
1996 # of live births	192

FAMILY ECONOMICS	
Median family income	$37,050
Median income of married couple family	$40,300
Median income of female headed family	$15,404
# of children living in poverty	365
% of children living in poverty	10.4%

*1990 Census data

Did you know?

Routt County is nearing the Decade of the Child goal for the percent of moms receiving prenatal care early in their pregnancies. At the same time, however, low birth weight births are on the rise.

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1998 KidsCount! in Routt County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	12.9	11.5	7.6 (6)	⇩	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	6.8	6.1 (6)	⇩	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	3.6	6.4	6.2 (12)	⇧	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	12.2	17.9	14.6	--	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	37.5	100.0	61.5	--	71.6
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	78.9	80.4	88.8 (12)	⇧	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	6.6	8.3	9.9	⇧	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	16.6	17.9	*	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	128.9	126.2	*	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	22	18	⇩	5,112
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			802		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			549		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	2,532	2,856	2,970	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	103	194	217	⇧	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	23	7	17	--	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	90.4	85.0	93.8 (8)	--	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	1.2	1.7	1.1 (15)	--	4.0
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	8.8	4.2	6.8	--	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	44.8	15.9	28.6	--	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	2.2	1.8	1.6	⇩	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			*		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	16.6	40.0	75.1	⇧	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	0.0	5.9	⇧	32.0

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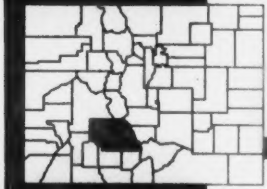

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Did you know?

Saguache County's graduation rate is one of the state's worst. In 1991, 75% of high school students graduated in four years. By 1996, only slightly more than 50% graduated.

COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1997 population	**5,925**
1997 population under 18	**1,842**
Under 1	**86**
1–4	**395**
5–9	**540**
10–14	**523**
15–19	**456**
1996 # of live births	**86**

FAMILY ECONOMICS	
Median family income	**$18,915**
Median income of married couple family	**$21,907**
Median income of female headed family	**$9,091**
# of children living in poverty	**610**
% of children living in poverty	**42.4%**

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1998 KidsCount! in Saguache County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	151.4	148.9	136.7 (56)	⇩	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	62.9	62.2 (62)	--	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	7.7	10.7	8.9 (19)	--	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	20.8	27.6	26.7	⇧	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	56.3	52.9	41.7	⇩	71.6

CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	78.5	84.2	77.4 (43)	--	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	9.4	6.6	11.6	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	*	*	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	12	5	⇩	5,112

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			194		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			6		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	965	1,116	1,166	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	20	0	0	⇩	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	8	8	11	⇧	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	74.2	68.6	55.1 (63)	⇩	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	3.8	6.9	6.3 (60)	⇧	4.0

SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	16.7	22.4	14.0	--	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	87.4	92.2	63.2	⇩	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	8.3	10.7	9.3	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			*		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	29.4	61.0	116.0	⇧	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	0.0	75.7	⇧	32.0

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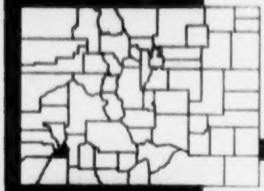

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Did you know?

While San Juan County is tied for the state's best in terms of moms who receive early prenatal care, the county had among Colorado's worst high school graduation and dropout rates in 1996.

COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

1997 population	**578**
1997 population under 18	**161**
Under 1	8
1–4	31
5–9	34
10–14	48
15–19	58
1996 # of live births	**8**

FAMILY ECONOMICS

Median family income	**$28,906**
Median income of married couple family	**$29,286**
Median income of female headed family	**$22,917**
# of children living in poverty	**33**
% of children living in poverty	**14.8%**

*1990 Census data

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1998 KidsCount! in San Juan County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	51.4	55.9	55.9 (39)	⇧	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	15.1	0.0 (1)	⇩	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	0.0	0.0	24.2 (59)	⇧	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	*	*	50.0	--	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	*	*	*	--	71.6

CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	71.4	66.7	100.0 (1)	⇧	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	*	*	*	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	*	*	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	1	6	⇧	5,112

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			37		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			0		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	119	93	109	--	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	0	0	0	--	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	10	6	8	--	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	100.0	100.0	66.7 (59)	⇩	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	0.0	1.7	5.4 (58)	⇧	4.0

SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	*	*	*	--	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	*	*	*	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			*		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	215.7	143.0	82.5	⇩	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	32.0

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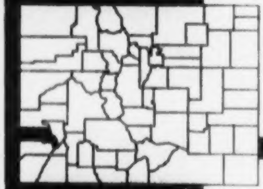

San Miguel County 1998 KidsCount! Report Card

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1997 population	5,688
1997 population under 18	1,386
Under 1	65
1–4	275
5–9	412
10–14	397
15–19	367
1996 # of live births	61

FAMILY ECONOMICS	
Median family income	$32,708
Median income of married couple family	$37,560
Median income of female headed family	$11,447
# of children living in poverty	96
% of children living in poverty	11.9%

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Did you know?

Over 95% of high school students in San Miguel County graduate in four years — one of the best rates in Colorado. In 1996, almost 25% of San Miguel County's babies were born to single moms.

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1998 KidsCount! in San Miguel County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	18.9	9.2	13.9 (8)	--	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	8.4	7.7 (9)	⇩	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	13.9	1.8	4.3 (5)	⇩	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	18.8	16.7	23.0	--	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	*	*	*	--	71.6
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	72.3	83.0	86.4 (17)	⇧	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	10.4	8.3	11.7	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	*	*	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	4	8	⇧	5,112
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			217		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			110		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	665	786	840	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	0	0	8	⇧	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	6	11	17	⇧	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	83.3	95.7	95.2 (5)	⇧	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	2.2	0.6	2.5 (31)	--	4.0
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	8.3	8.3	4.9	⇩	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	50.6	35.2	22.9	⇩	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	*	*	*	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			*		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	21.4	15.0	33.3	--	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	29.6	22.0	0.0	⇩	32.0

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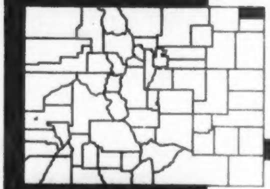

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

1997 population	2,671
1997 population under 18	603
Under 1	34
1–4	122
5–9	161
10–14	179
15–19	179
1996 # of live births	30

FAMILY ECONOMICS

Median family income	$23,569
Median income of married couple family	$24,187
Median income of female headed family	$13,760
# of children living in poverty	103
% of children living in poverty	16.0%

*1990 Census data

Did you know?

Nearly 1/3 of public school students in Sedgwick County qualify for free lunch because their family income is less than 130% of the poverty level. About 1 in 4 babies born in the county are born to a single mother.

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1998 KidsCount! in Sedgwick County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	58.6	47.0	69.0 (44)	--	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	29.3	30.3 (46)	--	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	9.7	18.0	11.8 (28)	--	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	25.0	20.0	23.3	--	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	*	71.4	60.0	--	71.6
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	68.8	88.6	80.0 (34)	--	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	*	*	*	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	161.0	*	*	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	11	4	⇩	5,112
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			103		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			30		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	520	498	488	⇩	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	0	0	0	--	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	4	3	4	--	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	93.3	97.8	87.8 (21)	--	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	0.7	0.0	0.7 (9)	--	4.0
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	12.5	20.0	16.7	--	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	44.9	70.2	54.3	--	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	*	8.6	*	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			*		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	6.2	23.0	37.7	⇧	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	33.0	0.0	--	32.0

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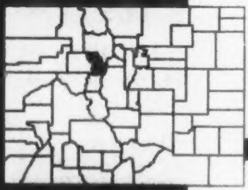

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

1997 population	18,675
1997 population under 18	4,228
Under 1	254
1–4	960
5–9	1,351
10–14	1,125
15–19	948
1996 # of live births	231

FAMILY ECONOMICS

Median family income	$41,709
Median income of married couple family	$44,539
Median income of female headed family	$21,641
# of children living in poverty	172
% of children living in poverty	6.5%

*1990 Census data

Did you know?

Summit County reached the Decade of the Child goal for percents of moms receiving early prenatal care in 1996 with 90.7%. Despite this progress in early care, over 12% of babies are born at a low birth weight.

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1998 KidsCount! in Summit County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	5.0	1.9	2.2 (3)	⇩	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	3.9	3.1 (4)	⇩	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	8.0	14.4	5.9 (11)	--	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	8.1	10.1	10.0	⇧	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	*	55.6	66.7	--	71.6
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	85.6	86.5	90.7 (10)	⇧	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	12.0	13.9	12.1	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	14.4	*	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	*	114.7	*	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	11	15	⇧	5,112
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			823		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			611		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	1,738	2,157	2,380	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	35	72	59	--	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	3	6	16	⇧	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	80.8	81.9	95.0 (6)	⇧	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	2.0	2.8	2.9 (38)	⇧	4.0
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	3.3	4.3	3.9	--	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	26.3	27.8	26.0	--	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	0.5	2.4	2.2	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			*		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	79.1	70.0	163.0	--	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	10.4	9.0	14.5	--	32.0

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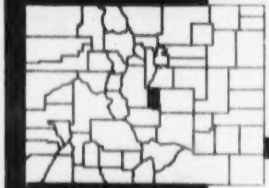

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1997 population	19,793
1997 population under 18	5,316
Under 1	247
1–4	1,024
5–9	1,468
10–14	1,623
15–19	1,495
1996 # of live births	208

FAMILY ECONOMICS	
Median family income	$35,370
Median income of married couple family	$36,847
Median income of female headed family	$15,202
# of children living in poverty	392
% of children living in poverty	11.1%

*1990 Census data

Did you know?

The percent of pregnant women in Teller County receiving early prenatal care in 1996 was lower than in 1991, and low birth weight births are on the rise. The percent of births to single moms has increased from 10% in 1991 to nearly 23% in 1996.

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1998 KidsCount! in Teller County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	43.6	45.6	29.0 (24)	⇩	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	11.1	9.4 (12)	⇩	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	7.5	13.5	18.3 (51)	⇧	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	9.7	15.7	22.6	⇧	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	66.7	66.7	68.4	--	71.6
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	88.6	89.2	84.1 (23)	--	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	8.6	13.0	13.5	⇧	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	•	•	•	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	•	88.5	63.1	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	36	41	⇧	5,112
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			792		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			460		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	2,753	3,392	3,854	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	12	64	97	⇧	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	36	82	139	⇧	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	79.9	86.3	74.9 (49)	--	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	2.7	2.0	2.5 (31)	--	4.0
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	6.9	6.5	9.1	--	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	28.8	22.2	30.3	--	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	3.4	2.7	2.9	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			24.5		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	93.0	129.0	111.4	--	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	54.2	22.0	16.9	⇩	32.0

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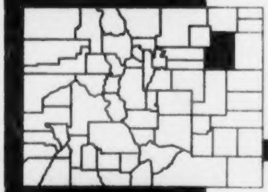

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Did you know?

Since 1991, three risk factor births (births to single moms under the age of 25 with less than a high school diploma) have declined. Washington County's graduation rate has increased since 1991, and surpassed the Decade of the Child goal of 90% in 1996.

COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1997 population	**5,357**
1997 population under 18	**1,384**
Under 1	**71**
1–4	**261**
5–9	**376**
10–14	**445**
15–19	**368**
1996 # of live births	**62**

FAMILY ECONOMICS	
Median family income	**$24,351**
Median income of married couple family	**$25,759**
Median income of female headed family	**$12,273**
# of children living in poverty	**288**
% of children living in poverty	**22.2%**

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1998 KidsCount! in Washington County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	30.3	41.9	20.1 (14)	--	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	29.9	24.1 (37)	⇩	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	14.1	22.1	12.2 (29)	--	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	20.8	19.4	9.7	⇩	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	83.3	75.0	50.0	⇩	71.6
CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	81.1	81.9	85.5 (21)	⇧	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	9.4	5.6	12.9	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	70.3	*	*	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	8	16	⇧	5,112
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			201		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			68		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	948	1,021	1,064	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	0	0	0	--	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	4	17	30	⇧	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	85.0	83.6	94.8 (7)	⇧	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	2.6	1.6	0.0 (1)	⇩	4.0
SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	11.3	11.1	9.7	⇩	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	38.0	42.9	30.8	--	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	11.3	8.5	4.8	⇩	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			*		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	0.0	6.0	7.2	⇧	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	32.0

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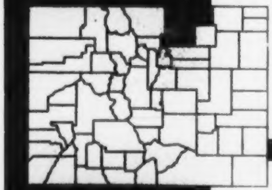

Weld County 1998 KidsCount! Report Card

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	
1997 population	154,340
1997 population under 18	42,510
Under 1	2,311
1–4	9,562
5–9	11,753
10–14	11,735
15–19	13,430
1996 # of live births	2,416

FAMILY ECONOMICS	
Median family income	$30,800
Median income of married couple family	$33,906
Median income of female headed family	$13,609
# of children living in poverty	6,839
% of children living in poverty	18.9%

*1990 Census data

Did you know?

Only 68% of pregnant women in Weld County received prenatal care early in their pregnancies in 1996. Three risk factor births in the county remain higher than the state average.

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1998 KidsCount! in Weld County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	99.0	96.5	73.3 (46)	⇩	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	33.1	29.4 (45)	⇩	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	10.1	16.1	14.4 (39)	--	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	25.6	32.8	27.5	--	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	63.3	74.4	68.5	--	71.6

CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	67.1	71.8	68.0 (57)	--	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	6.9	6.4	8.4	--	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	6.7	6.2	6.6	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	81.6	72.9	84.0	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	226	175	⇩	5,112

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			7,392		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			3,972		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	23,622	25,302	26,752	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	392	1,214	1,228	⇧	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	79	115	190	⇧	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	83.1	77.7	74.0 (52)	⇩	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	3.2	4.7	4.5 (57)	⇧	4.0

SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	14.4	16.0	15.2	--	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	55.4	57.0	59.3	⇧	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	10.5	12.9	11.8	--	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			15.0		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	96.6	118.0	129.1	⇧	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	21.0	16.0	20.8	--	32.0

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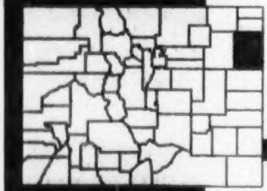

Yuma County 1998 KidsCount! Report Card

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COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

1997 population	9,504
1997 population under 18	2,536
Under 1	125
1–4	463
5–9	672
10–14	814
15–19	716
1996 # of live births	106

FAMILY ECONOMICS

Median family income	$26,465
Median income of married couple family	$27,525
Median income of female headed family	$10,000
# of children living in poverty	381
% of children living in poverty	15.0%

*1990 Census data

Did you know?

Yuma County's graduation rate has increased since 1991, and is nearing the Decade of the Child goal of 90%. However, the percent of pregnant women receiving early prenatal care has slipped from the goal of 90% in 1991 to just 79% in 1996.

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1998 KidsCount! in Yuma County

FAMILIES IN NEED	91	94	96 (rank)	trend	96 state
Children receiving AFDC (per 1,000)	30.7	34.6	24.5 (17)	--	67.4
Children qualifying for free lunch (%)	n/a	23.1	23.8 (36)	--	21.8
Children in out of home placements (per 1,000)	8.2	7.5	14.5 (40)	⇧	14.2
Births to single moms (%)	10.0	9.4	17.9	⇧	24.8
Teen births to single teens (%)	50.0	50.0	*	--	71.6

CHILD HEALTH					
Moms receiving early prenatal care (%)	90.0	86.3	79.0 (37)	⇩	81.4
Low birth weight births (%)	6.4	6.3	3.8	⇩	8.9
Deaths of infants under age 1 (per 1,000)	*	*	*	--	6.6
Deaths of children under age 18 (per 100,000)	77.8	*	*	--	66.5
Confirmed incidents of child abuse/neglect (#)	n/a	21	21	--	5,112

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Children needing child care (# 1990)			381		177,027
Available licensed child care spaces (# 1995)			236		106,293
Pre K-12 public school students (#)	1,872	1,910	2,022	⇧	673,438
K-12 non-public school students (#)	9	64	55	--	49,078
K-12 home school students (#)	11	30	24	--	8,490
High school graduation rate (%)	86.7	87.2	89.4 (18)	⇧	77.7
High school dropout rate (%)	1.3	1.7	0.6 (8)	--	4.0

SIGNS OF TROUBLE					
Births to teens (% of all births)	7.3	12.5	5.7	--	11.7
Teen birth rate (per 1,000)	26.2	36.7	17.8	--	50.7
Three risk factor births (%)	2.7	4.3	6.6	⇧	8.1
Teen suicide rate 92-96 ave. (per 100,000)			*		13.2
Juvenile crime arrest rate (per 1,000)	73.2	23.0	27.1	⇩	159.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate (per 10,000)	8.2	8.0	0.0	⇩	32.0

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Mission Statement

Since 1985, the Colorado Children's Campaign has worked to mobilize individuals and organizations to think and act on behalf of children, with particular attention to the health, education, and safety of those most at risk.

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KidsCount in Colorado!

KidsCount in Colorado is the Campaign's annual report on the status of children. It documents the health, education, safety, and economic trends in each of Colorado's 63 counties. This report helps local groups and public policy makers identify new issues, evaluate the effectiveness of programs, and set priorities for the coming years. KidsCount! is the most widely quoted and used report about children in Colorado.

BrainChild

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"We have the information. Let's use it!" Eighty percent of brain growth takes place in the first three years of life. The Campaign's renowned project, BrainChild, is designed to translate the new science around brain development into practical steps parents and other caregivers can take to ensure optimum cognitive development for children. Tip sheets for parents, training materials for child care providers, public awareness campaigns, conferences on brain development, and recommendations for policy makers are just part of this project.

The Doll Project

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The Doll Project helps raise public awareness about the needs of children. Every April, a grassroots army of volunteers throughout the state makes thousands of cardboard dolls that represent the real stories of Colorado children. Major improvements in the health, education, and safety of children have been passed in the state legislature because the dolls have created heightened awareness about our kids.

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A committee of today's corporate business leaders has been formed with the pledge to make Colorado "the best place to raise a child." The Corporate Campaign for Kids is committed to the goal of using their brains, their know-how, and their connections to help Colorado children measure up to, and exceed, national standards for health, safety, and educational performance.

Ad Hoc Children's Legislative Committee

Public policy decisions shape the world our children will inherit. In 1996, the Colorado Children's Campaign created the Ad Hoc Children's Legislative Committee to coordinate major initiatives that would improve the health, education, and safety of children. Our goals are to be above politics and to focus state resources on early prevention of the problems in the lives of children and their families. The Ad Hoc Children's Legislative Committee has created tax breaks for parents, expanded The Child Health Plan, created a tax check off fund for quality child care, streamlined child care, and funded the Youth Crime Prevention and Intervention Fund with the support of 250 phone tree volunteers.

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